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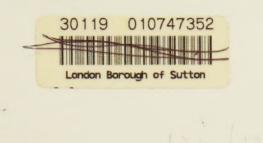
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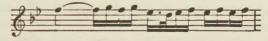
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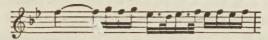
The present edition of the vocal score of the "Messiah" agrees in its text with the new edition of the full score which I have prepared at the request of the publishers. Of the need of a revised text I have spoken in detail in the preface to the full score, to which readers are referred; it will suffice to say here that the older editions are, without one exception, so inaccurate as to give in many places a most incorrect representation of what Handel really intended.

The text here given is founded upon Handel's autograph—now readily accessible through the photo-lithographed facsimiles—and contemporary transcripts by the composer's amanuensis, Christopher Smith. A collation of these sources has necessitated a very large number of changes in the text both of the vocal and instrumental parts. These are fully noted in the preface to the full score; attention may here be called to a few of the more striking.

In the chorus, "His yoke is easy," Handel's figure-



is incorrectly given-



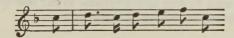
in all editions nearly every time it occurs. In "Behold the Lamb of God," at bar 16, every edition has in the treble—



In both cases the autograph is perfectly distinct; the mistakes were made at first in the earliest published edition (Randall and Abell's, 1767, though known as Walsh's) of the score, and have been copied without hesitation by all subsequent editors. Similar corrections have been necessary in "Lift up your heads." In bars 27 to 29 Handel writes three times—



which appears incorrectly in all editions, thus-



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and in the following bars Handel wrote-

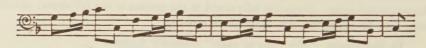


with two quavers (not ...) for the word "of."

A still more important mistake occurs in the bass of bars 69 and 70. All editions have—

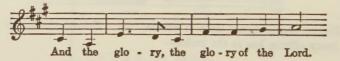


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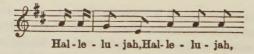


These examples, which are but a few out of many, will suffice to show the need of a revised and purified text.

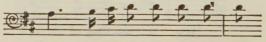
In his treatment of the words Handel often follows the Italian method, and when one word ends with a vowel and the next word begins with one, he writes only one note for both syllables, e.g., in No. 4—



Just as we can sing "glorious" as a word of two syllables, it is equally easy to sing "glo-ry of" to two notes; Handel's text is therefore restored here. Similar passages will be found in the "Hallelujah" (alto, bar 24; treble, bar 30; bass, bars 31 and 32) in each of which the last syllable of the word must be sung to the same note as the first syllable of the same word repeated, thus—



One more instance of the same procedure will be found in the final chorus, where Handel wrote throughout—



Bless - ing and hon-our, glo-ry and power,

where "-ry and" must be sung as one syllable to the last quaver of the bar, and not to two semiquavers, as given in all earlier editions.

PREFACE

It is well-known to those who have studied the subject that double dots were never, and dotted rests very seldom used in Handel's time, and that consequently the music, if played strictly according to the notation, will in many places not accurately reproduce the composer's intentions. In all such cases I have felt it my duty to give the notes in this edition, not as Handel wrote them, but as he meant them to be played. The full discussion and explanation of these points will be found in the preface to the full score; among the more important examples of this procedure may be instanced the Introduction of the Overture, the recitative, "Thus saith the Lord," and the choruses, "Behold the Lamb of God" and "Surely He hath borne our griefs."

The indications of piano and forte are for the most part by Handel himself; many of these are wanting in nearly all existing editions. In some cases I have thought it advisable to supplement them, as it is well-known that it was formerly the custom to leave much more to be taught by the conductor at rehearsal than is the case at the present day. For the metronome marks I am responsible; they are not to be necessarily taken as absolutely binding, but only as suggestions of what appears to me to be the suitable tempo.

The pianoforte accompaniment is to a great extent new. Of the older arrangements by Dr. Clarke, afterwards Clarke-Whitfeld (1809), and Vincent Novello, but little use could be made, chiefly because they were not so much accompaniments as transcriptions, in which the whole of the voice-parts were included—a method which often necessitated the omission of important features of the orchestration. Besides this, the frequent employment of full chords for the left hand in the lower part of the instrument, common enough in the early part of the last century, is not only contrary to modern usage, but produces a most unpleasant effect.

No attempt has been made to introduce Mozart's contrapuntal additions—e.g., in such movements as "O thou that tellest" or "The people that walked in darkness"—into the accompaniment: first, because it would render it unduly difficult for ordinary use; and secondly, because I have preferred to give Handel's text pure and simple, as far as possible. But I have, of course, filled up the harmony in all cases in which the score contained nothing but a figured bass.

* It is the invariable custom in modern performances to omit a few numbers in the second and third parts of the oratorio. For the sake of completeness these movements are here relegated to an Appendix, in order that the numbers actually performed may follow one another continuously.

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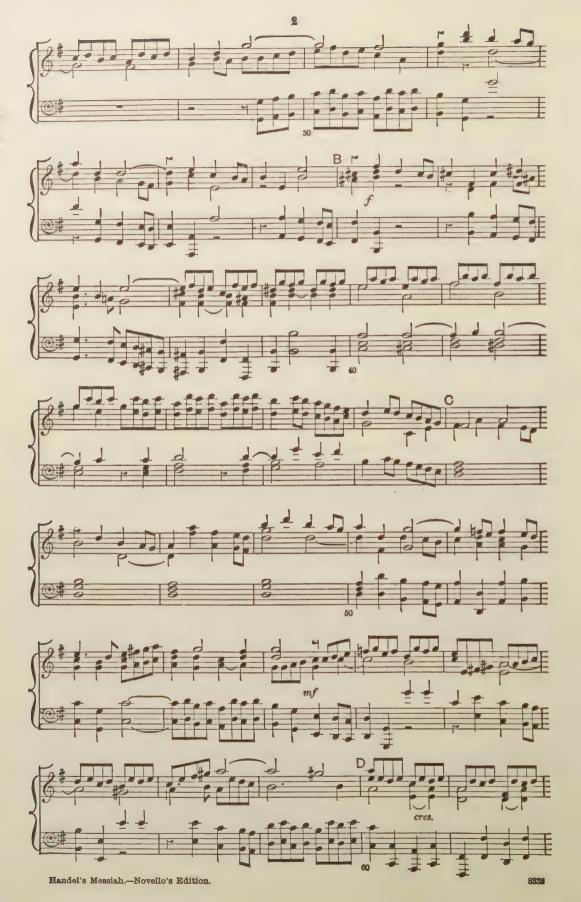
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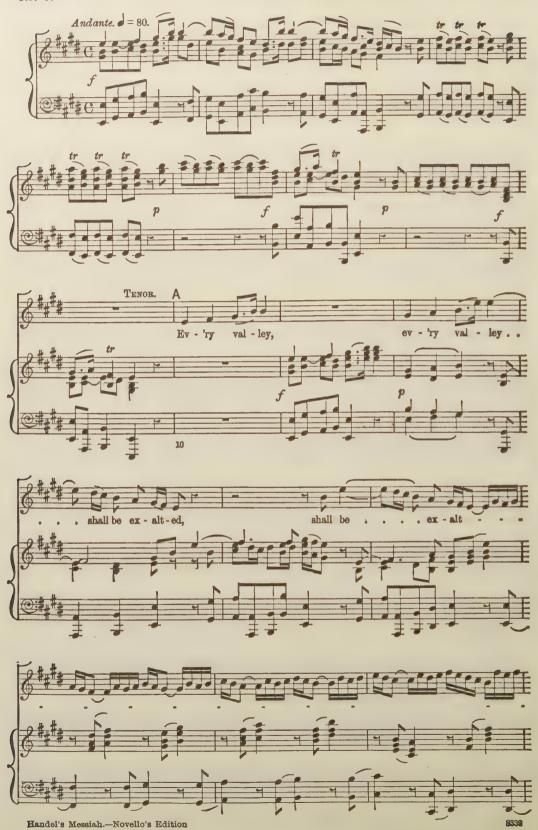
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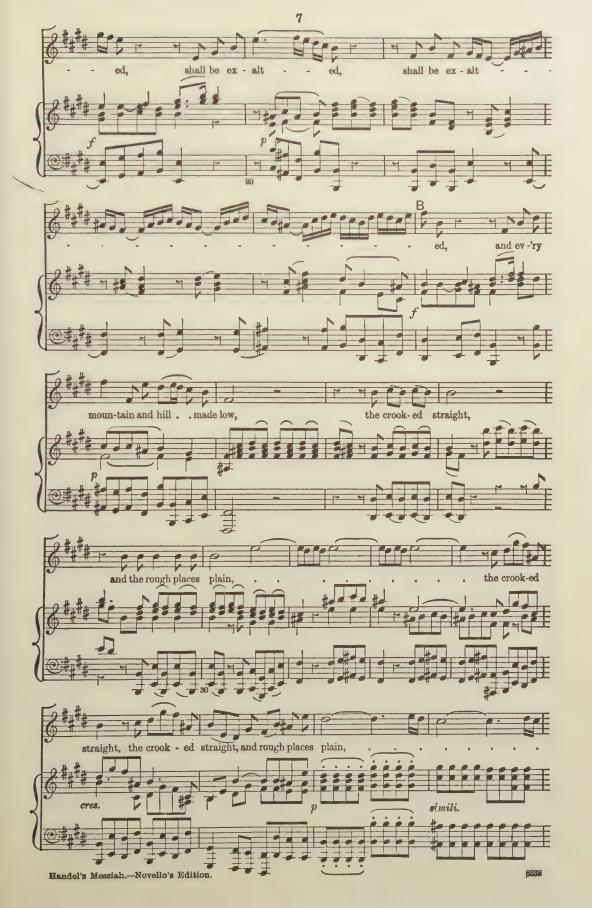
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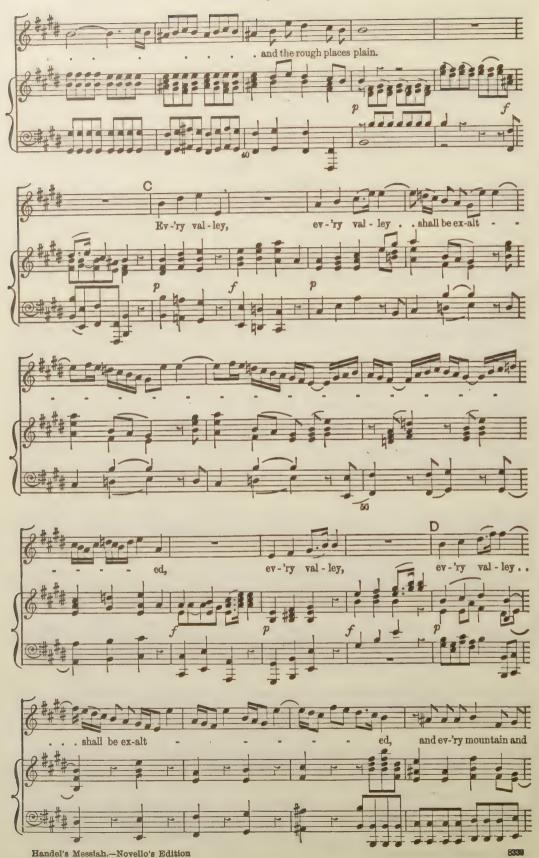




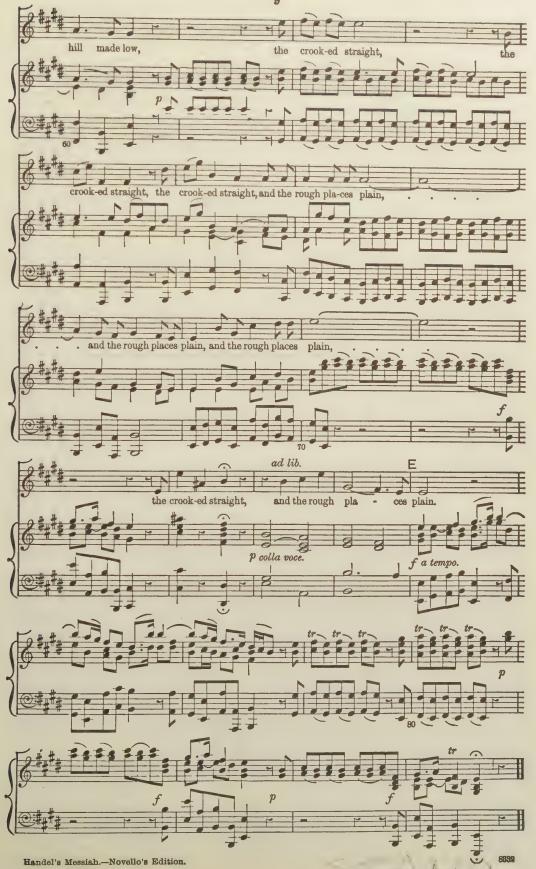
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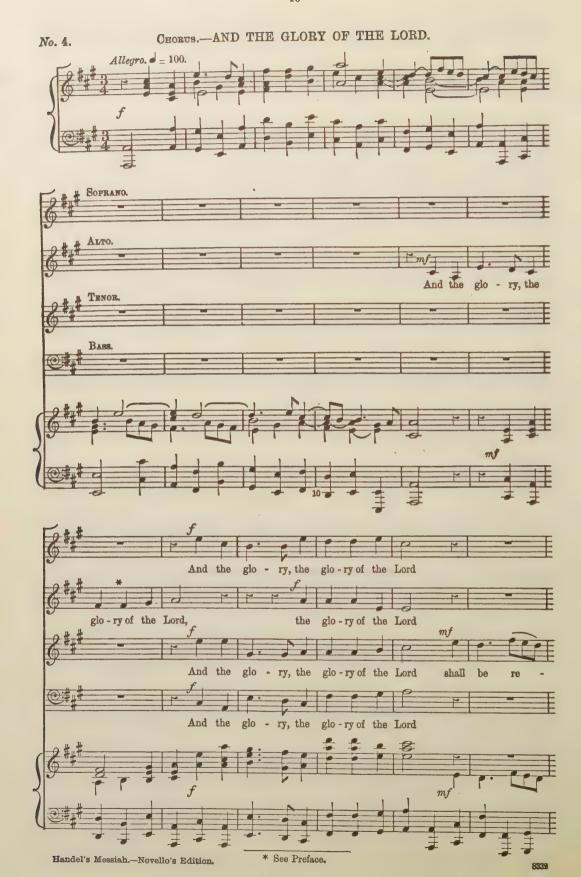










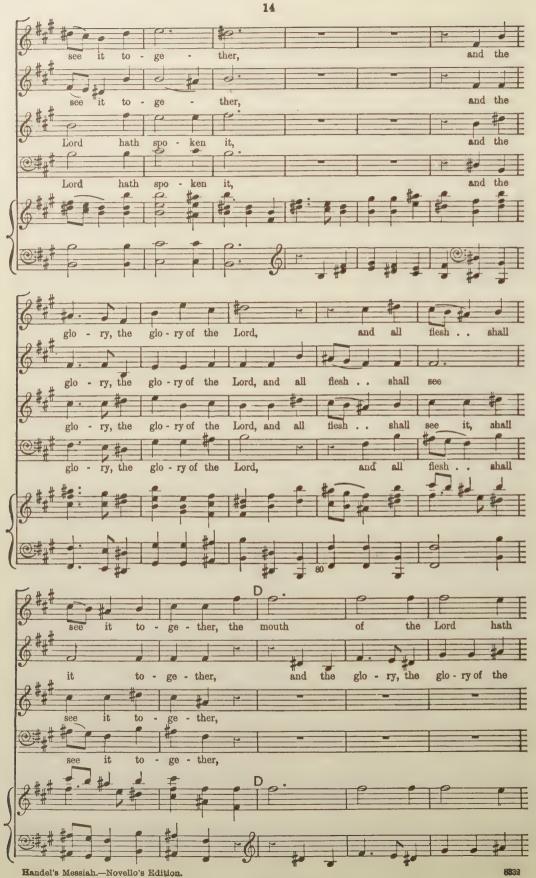


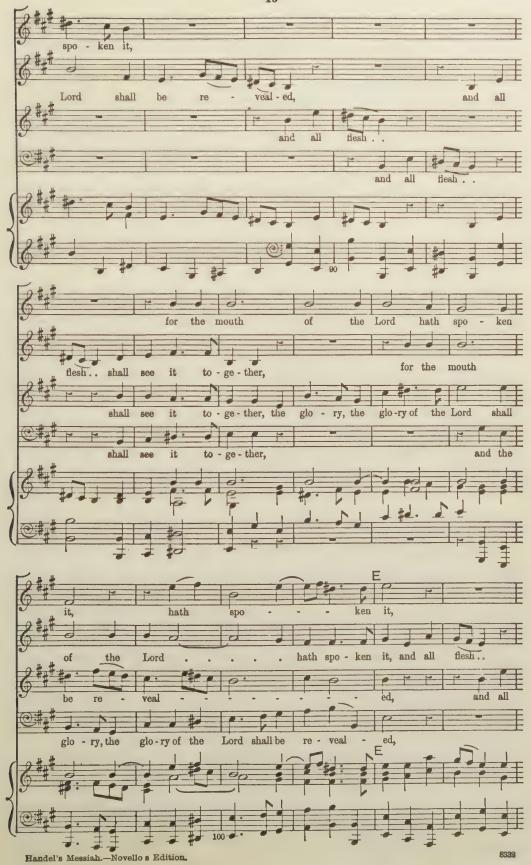










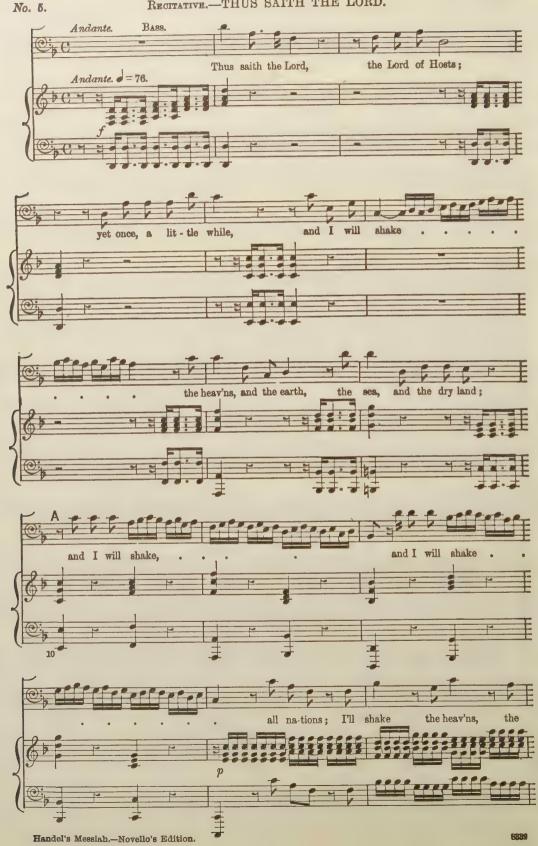




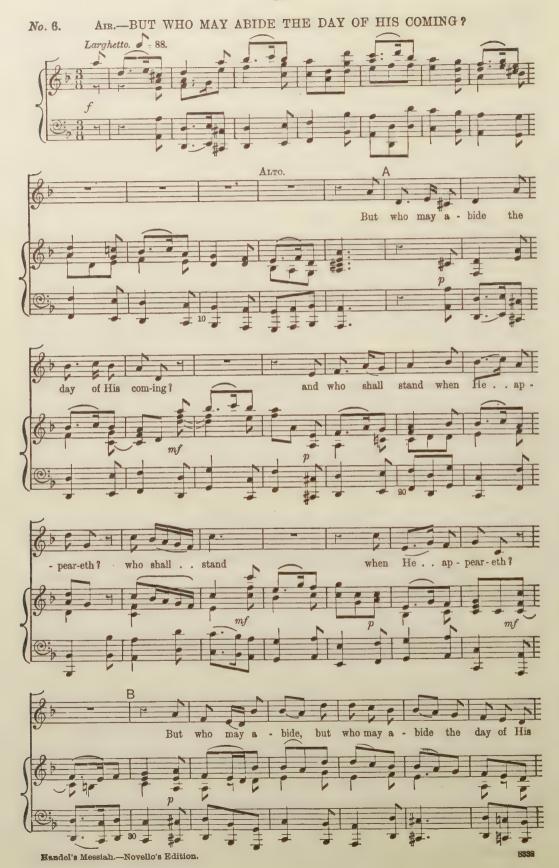


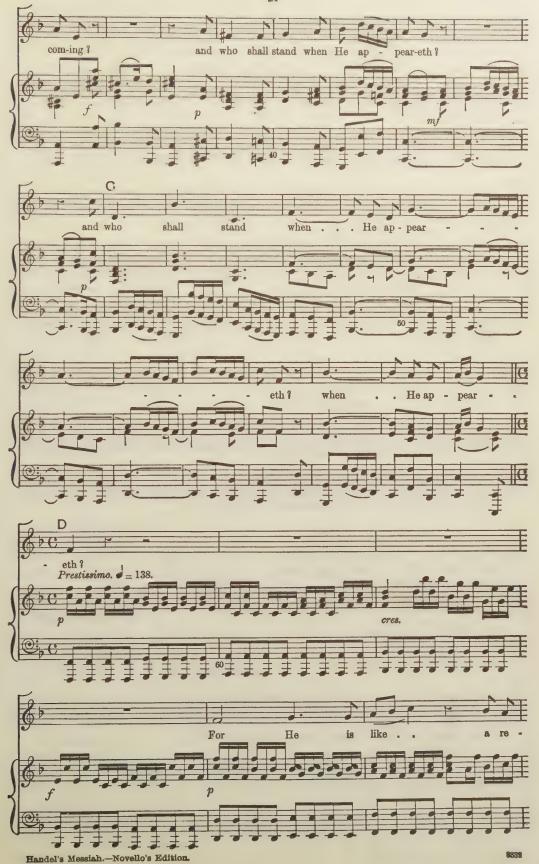


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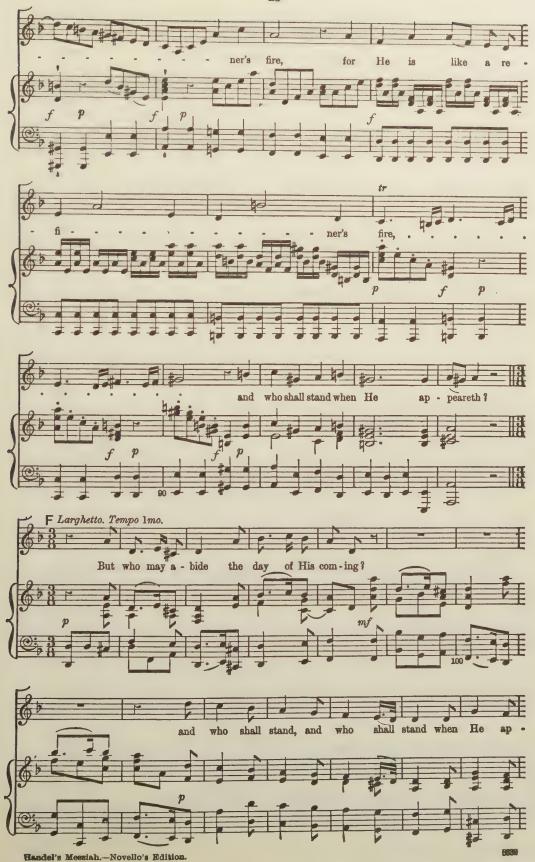


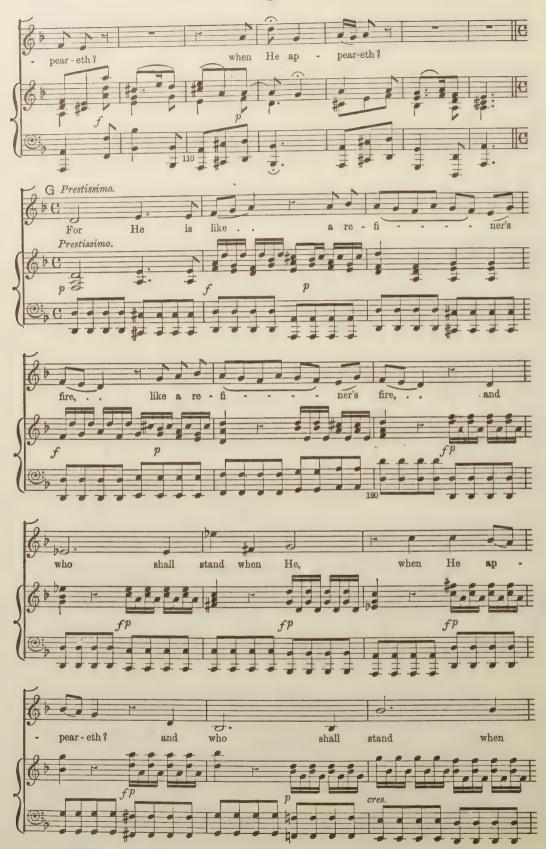


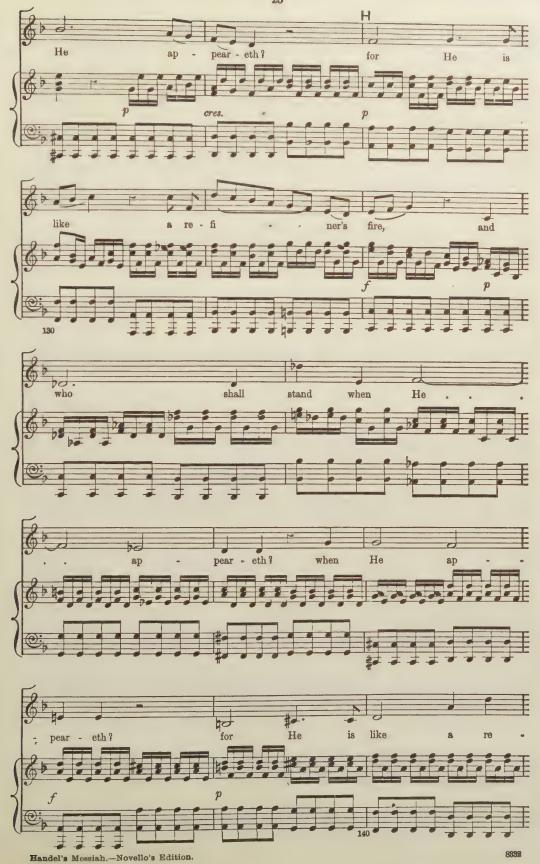


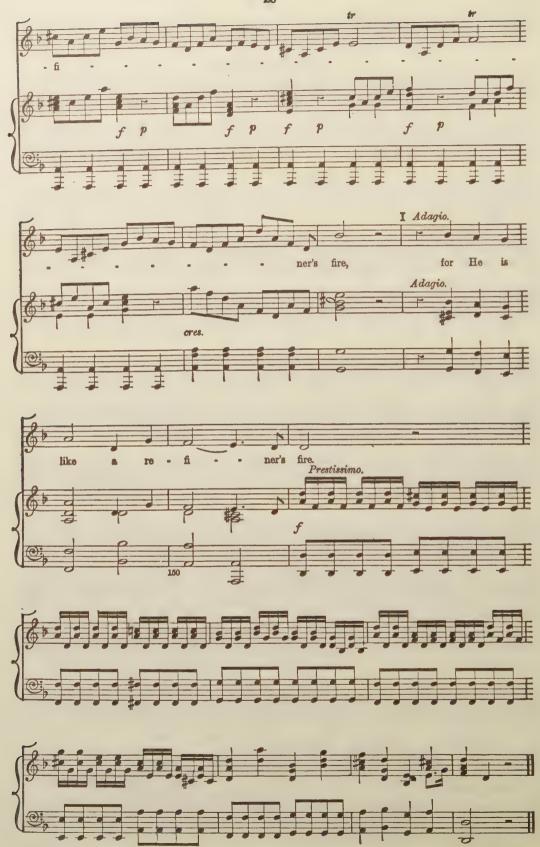








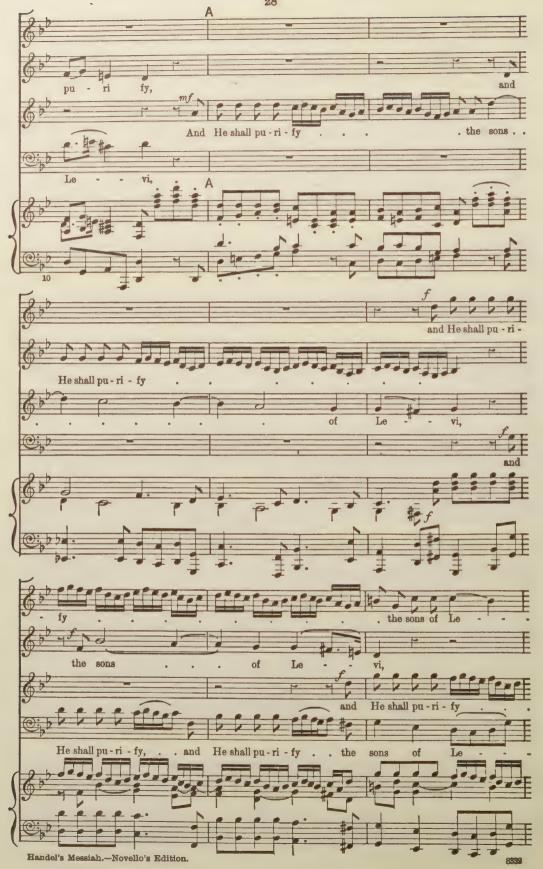






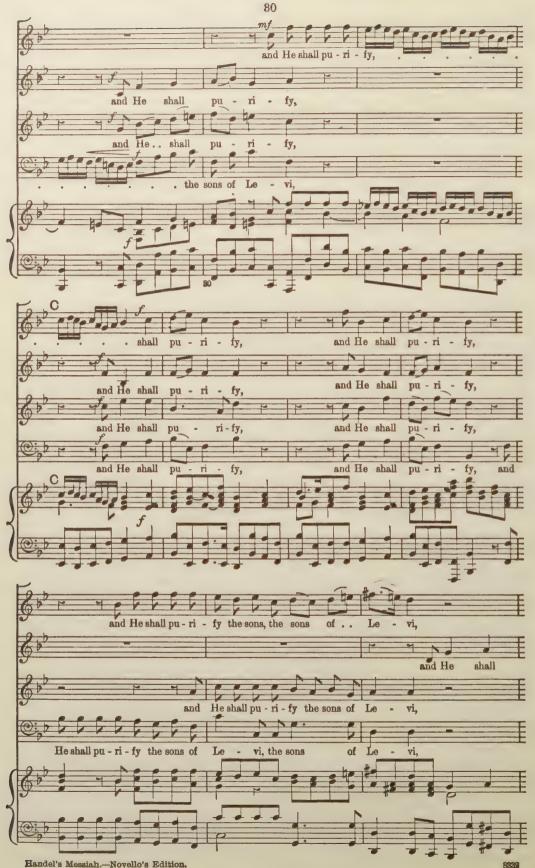
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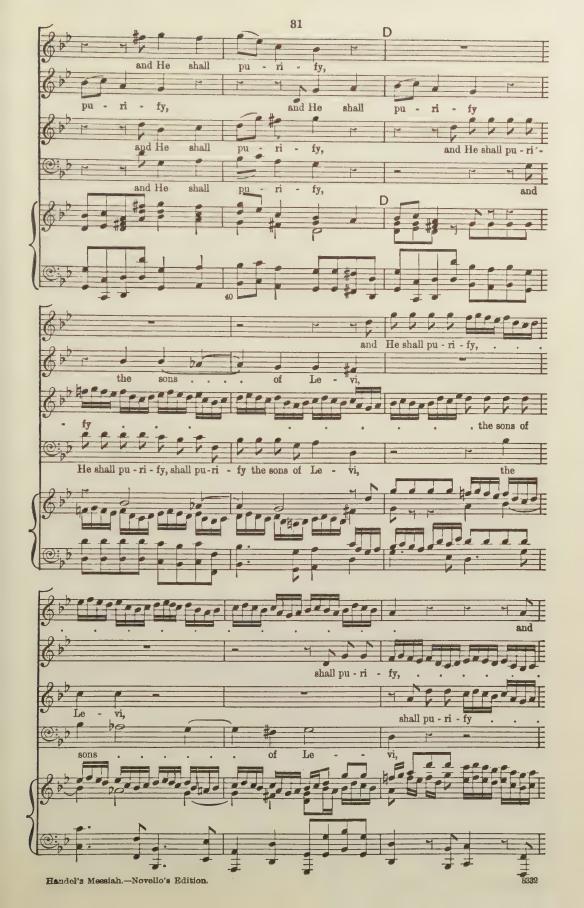




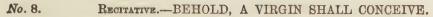








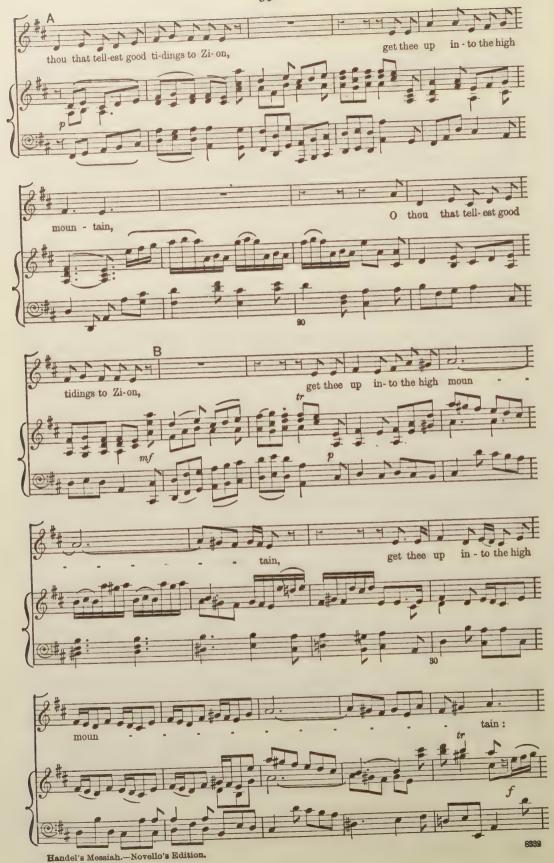






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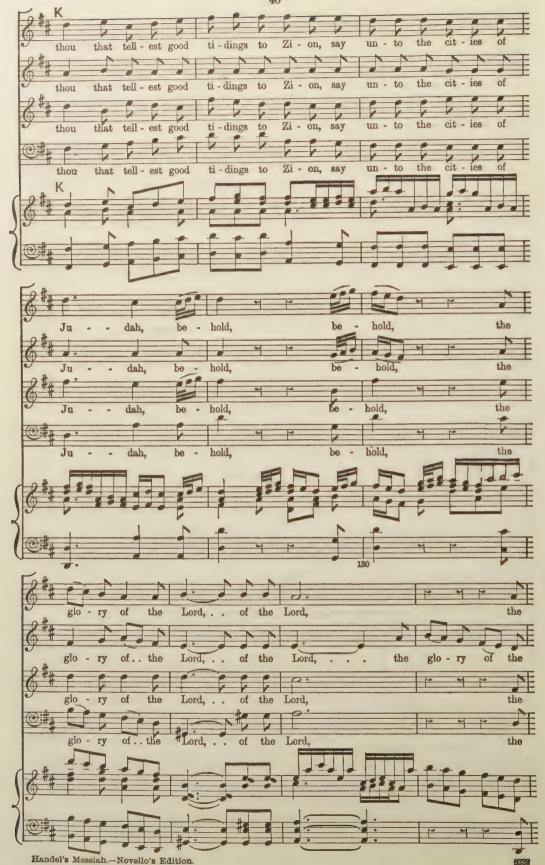
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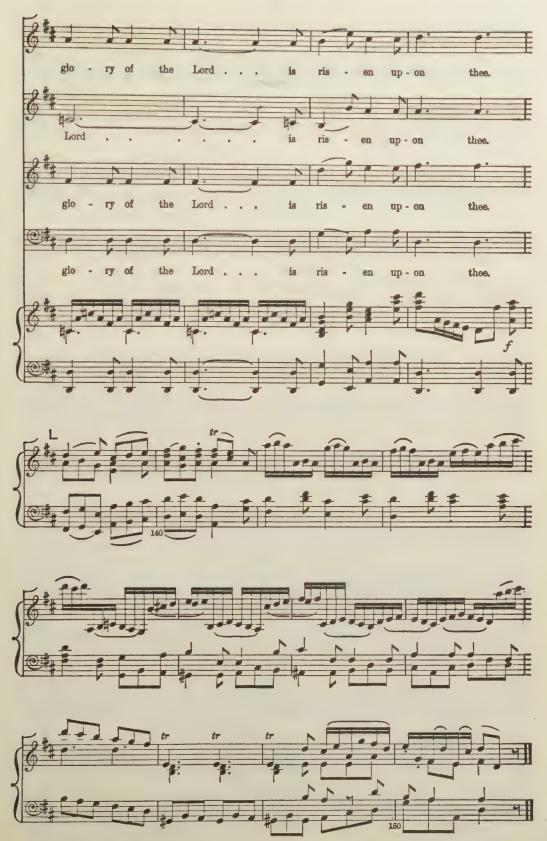






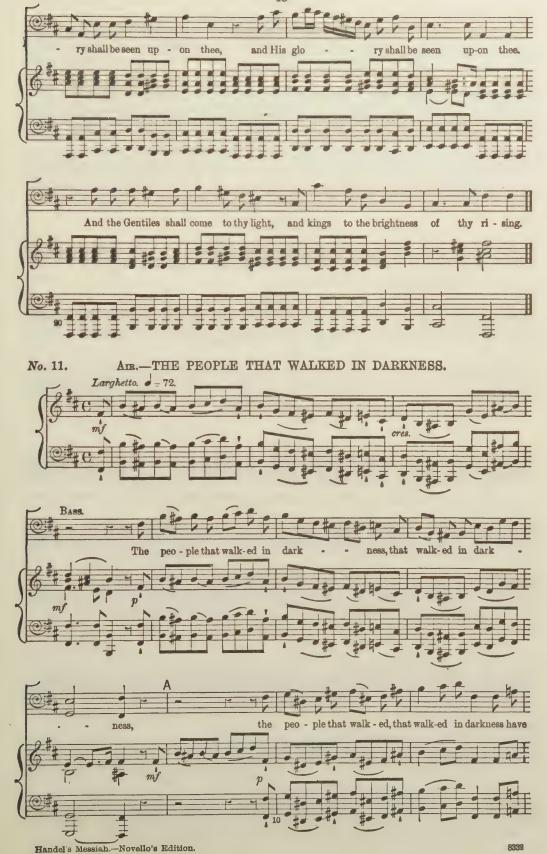


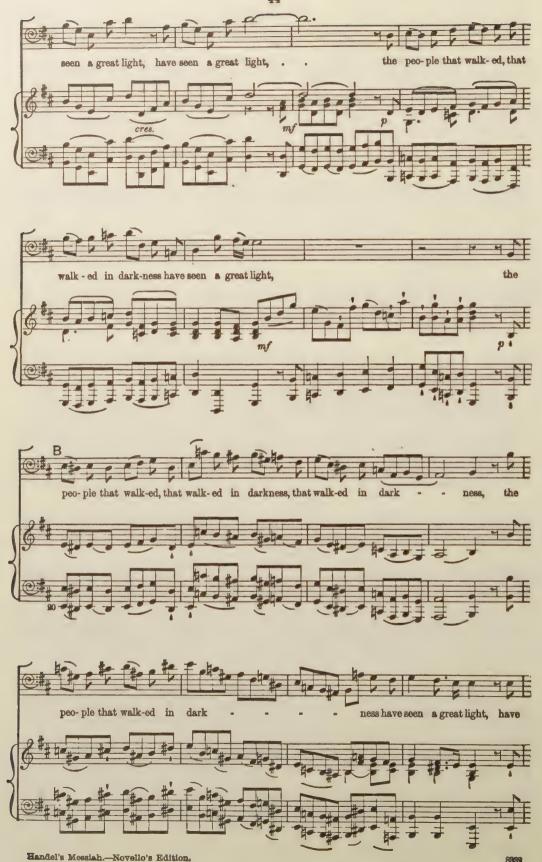














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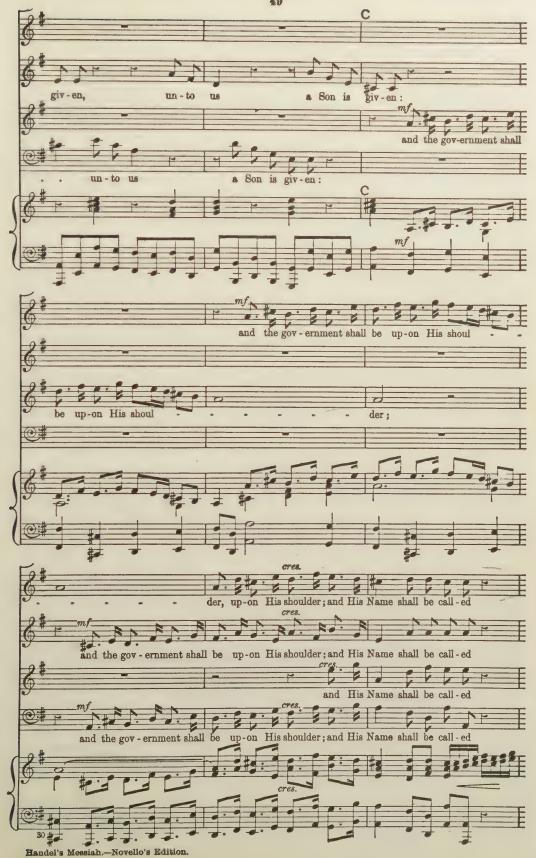


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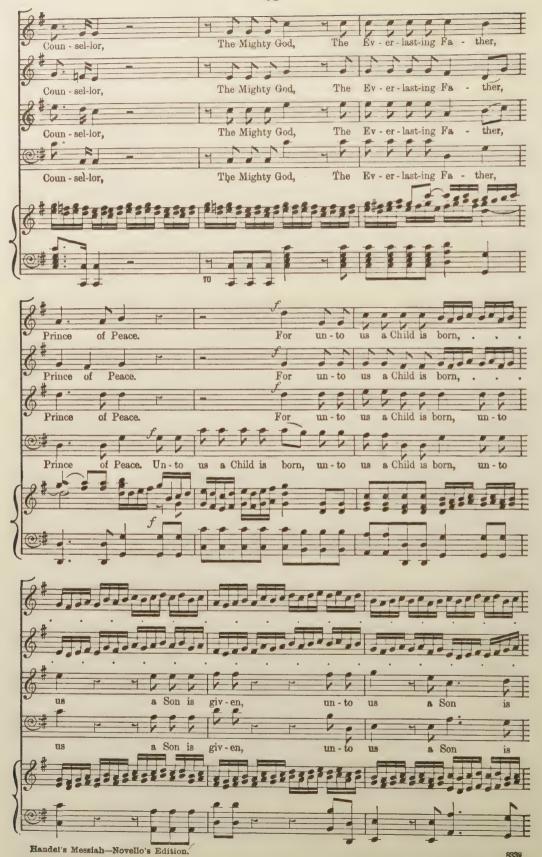


















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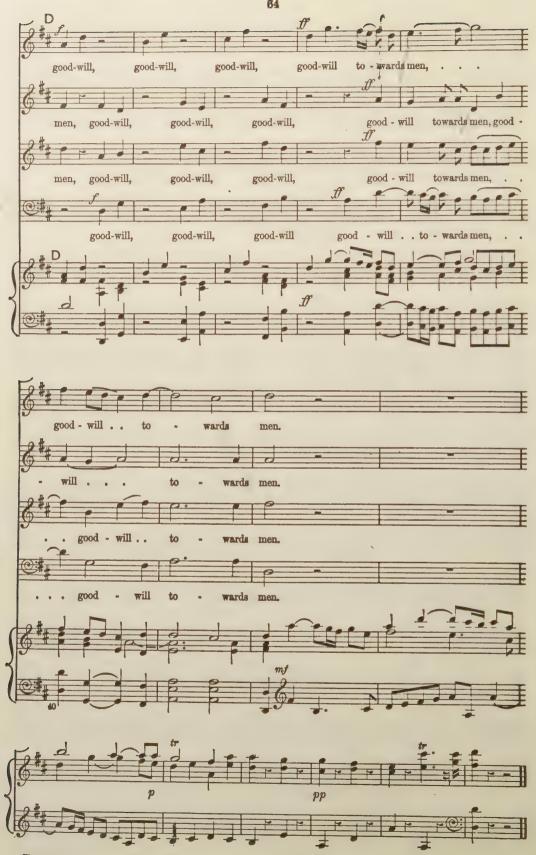


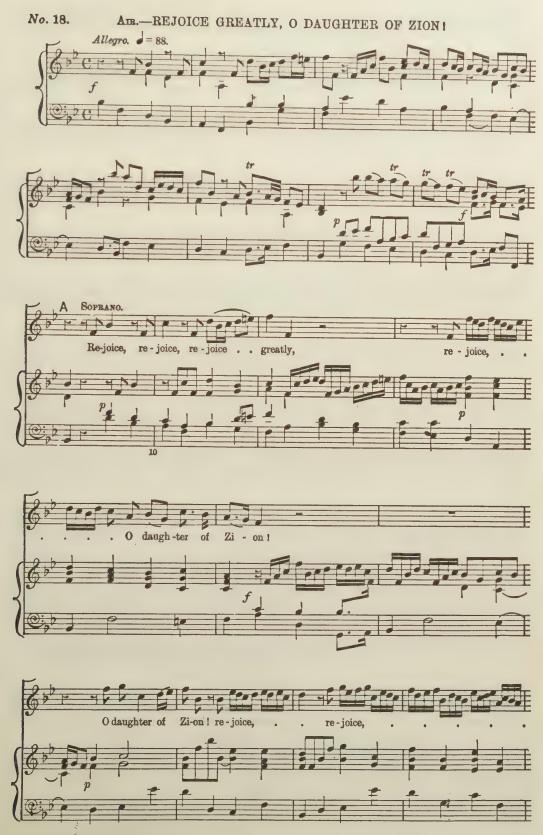




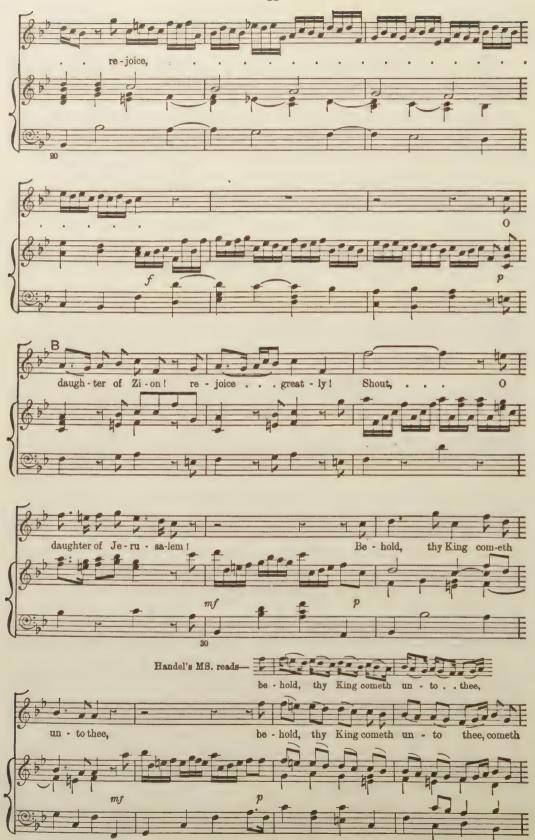


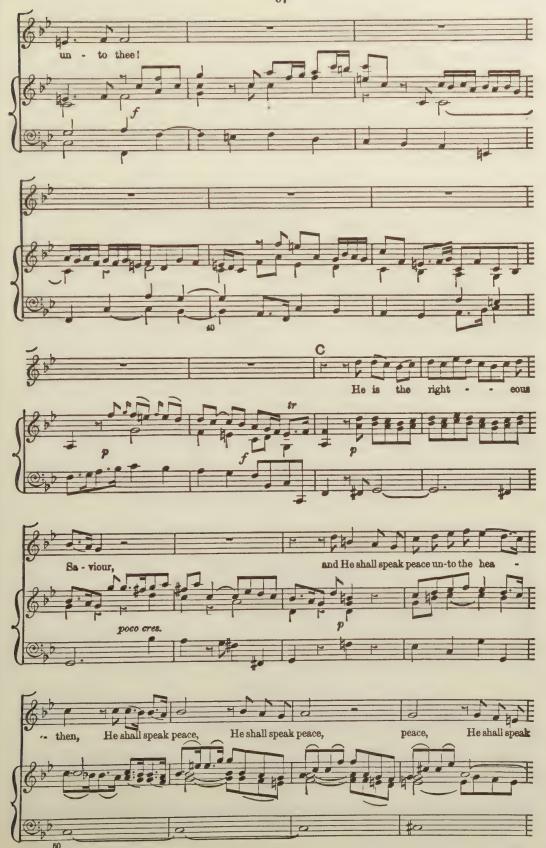






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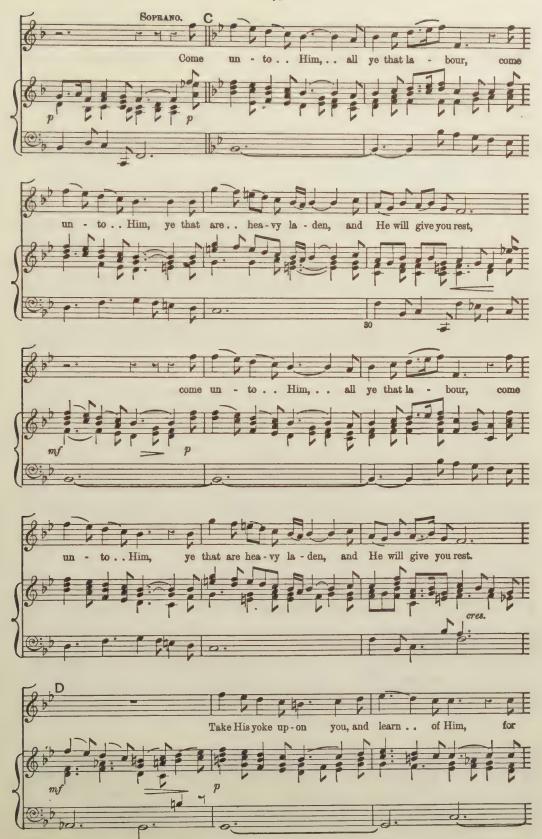




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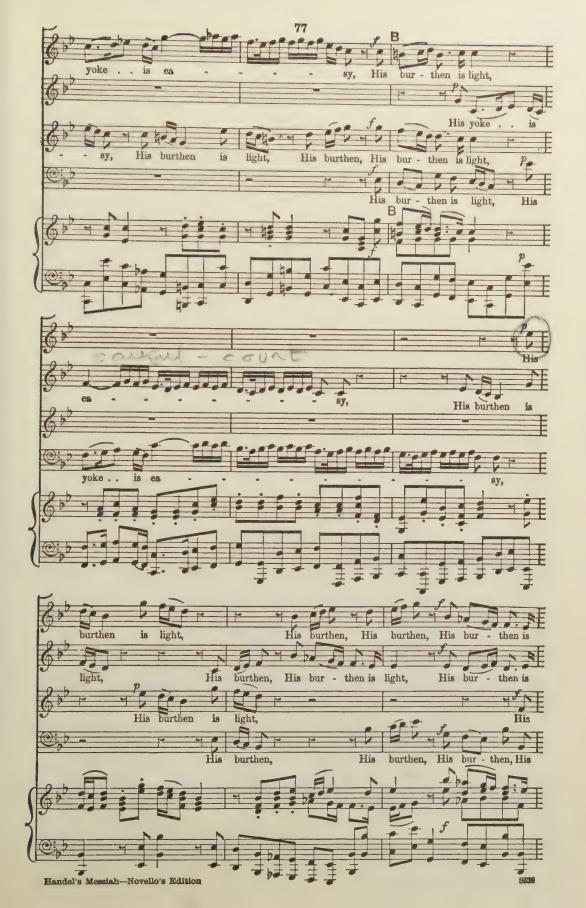


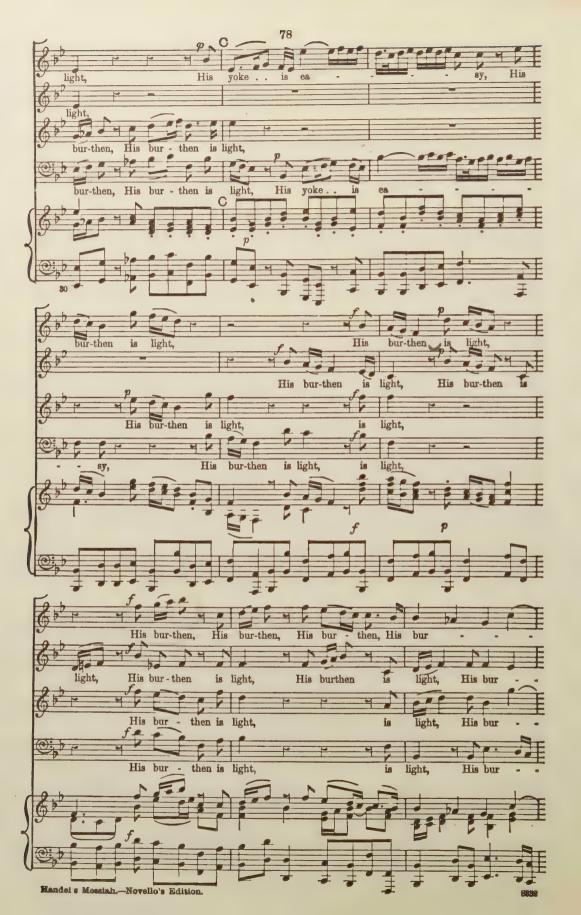
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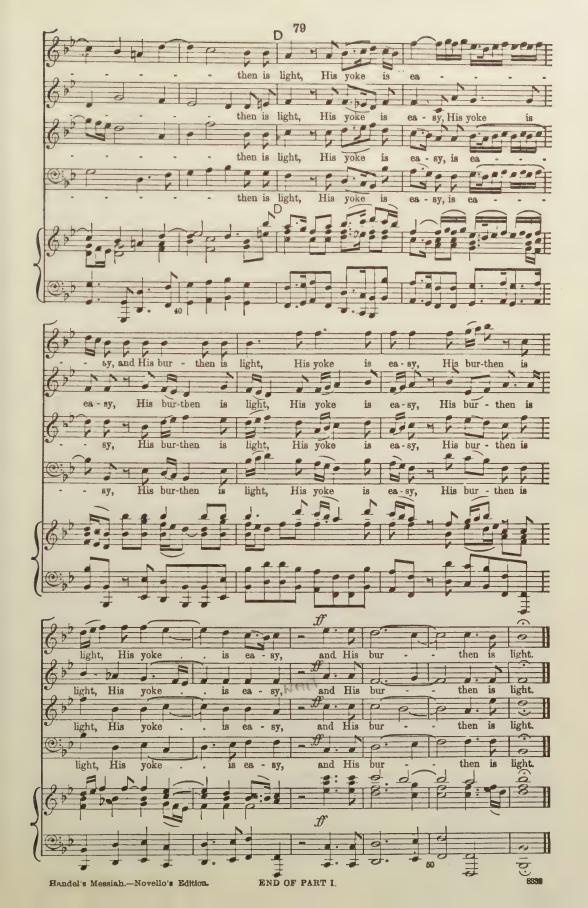
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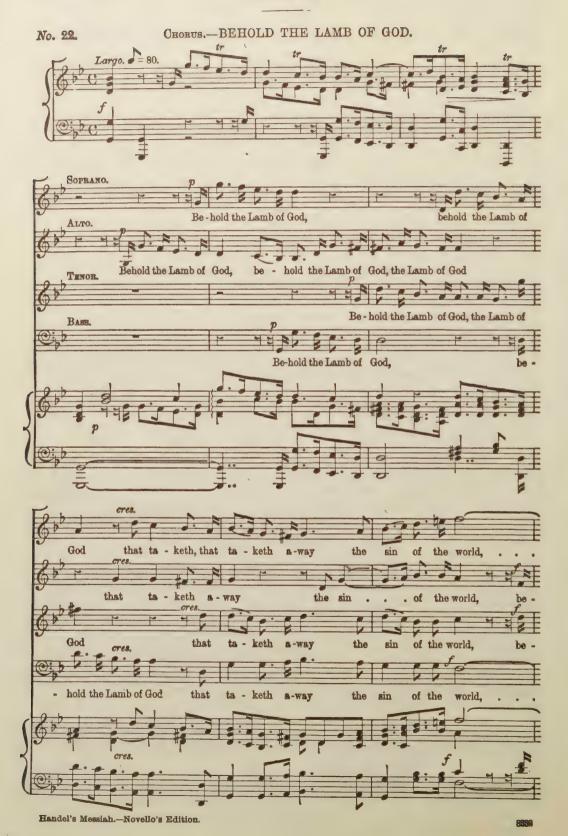


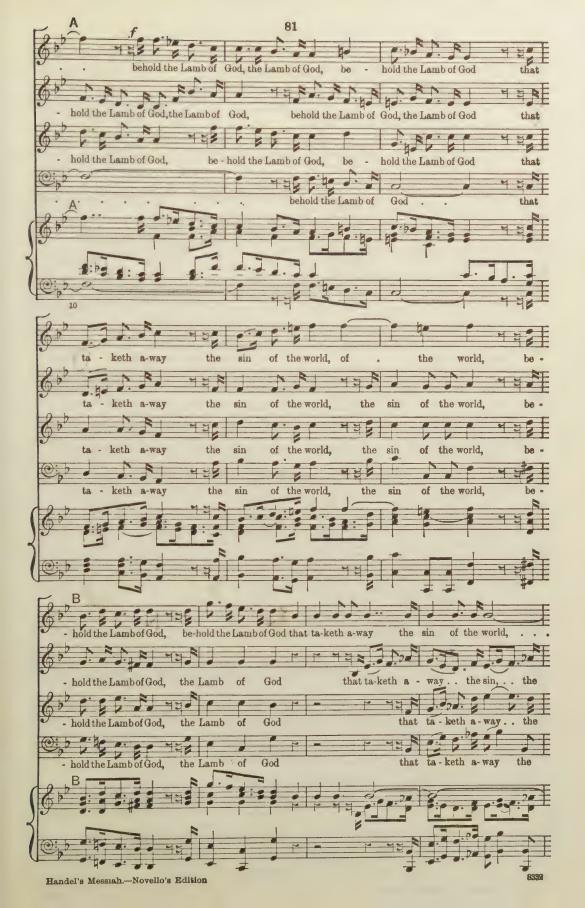


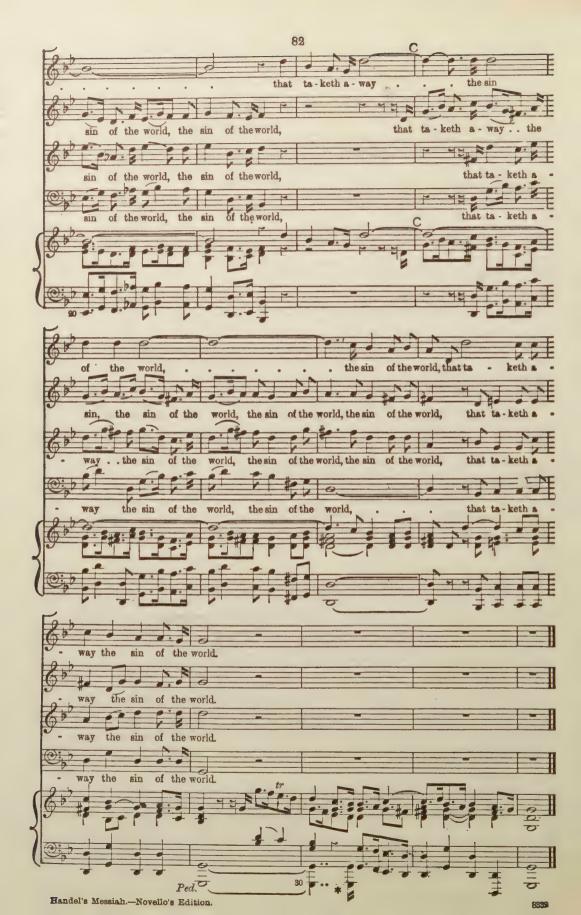




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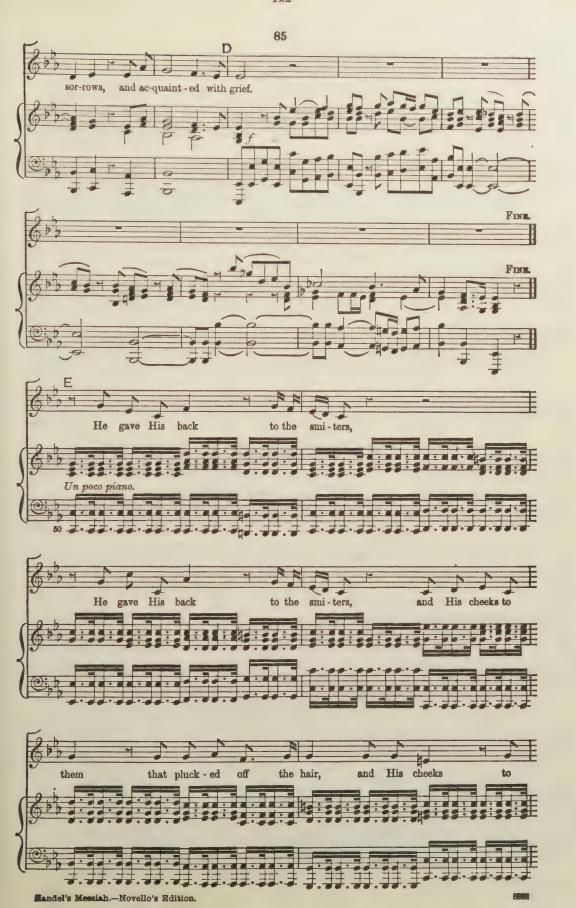














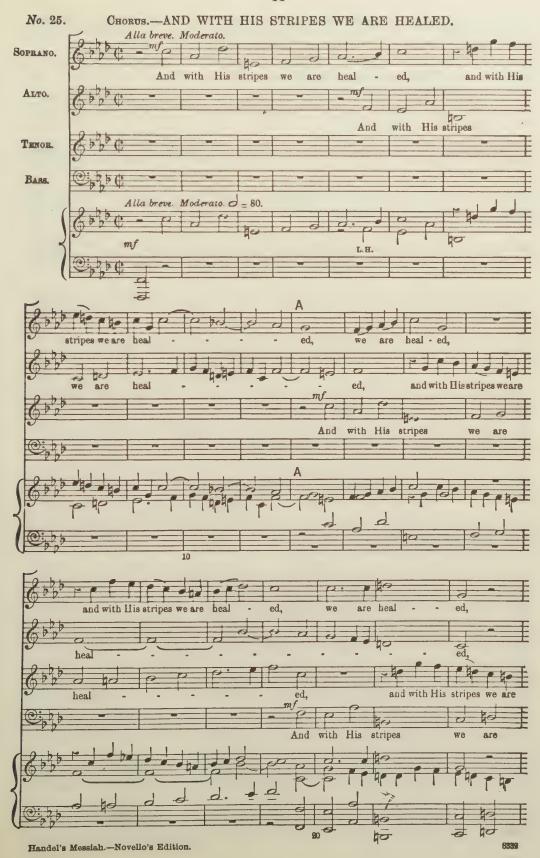












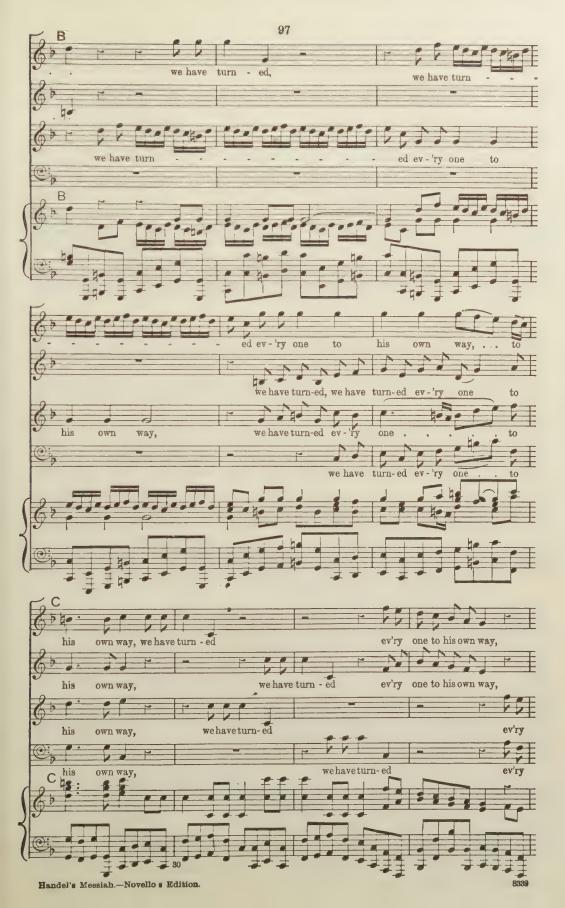






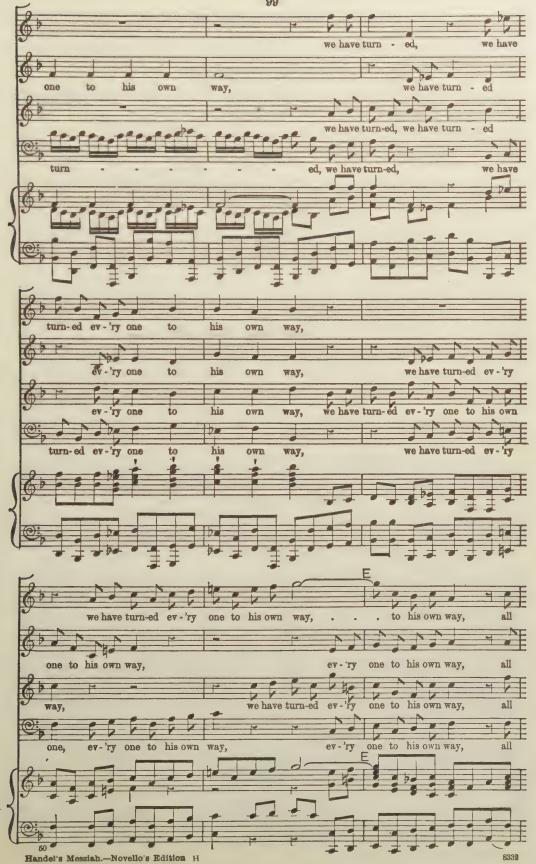






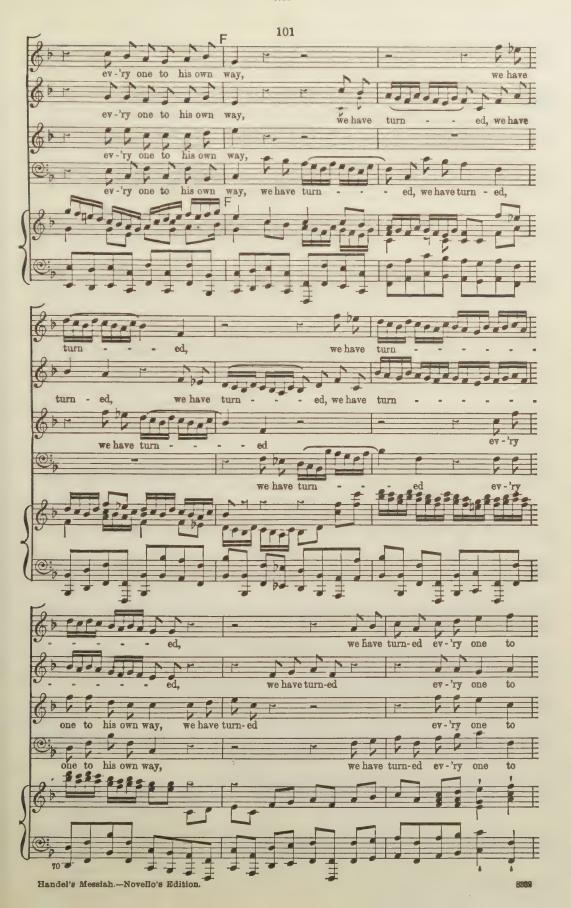




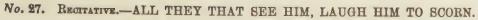


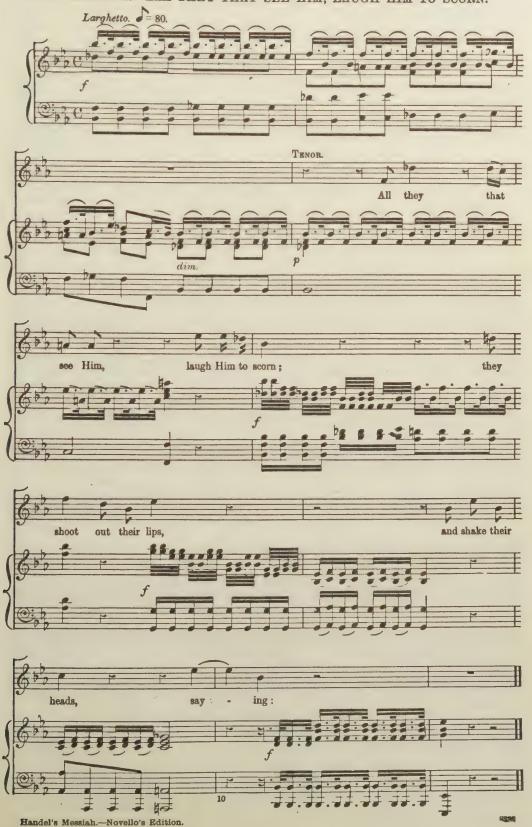




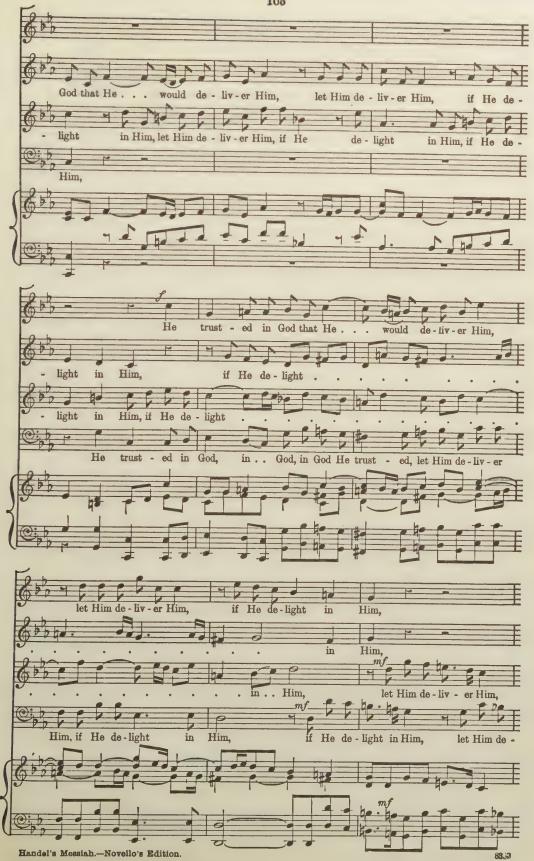


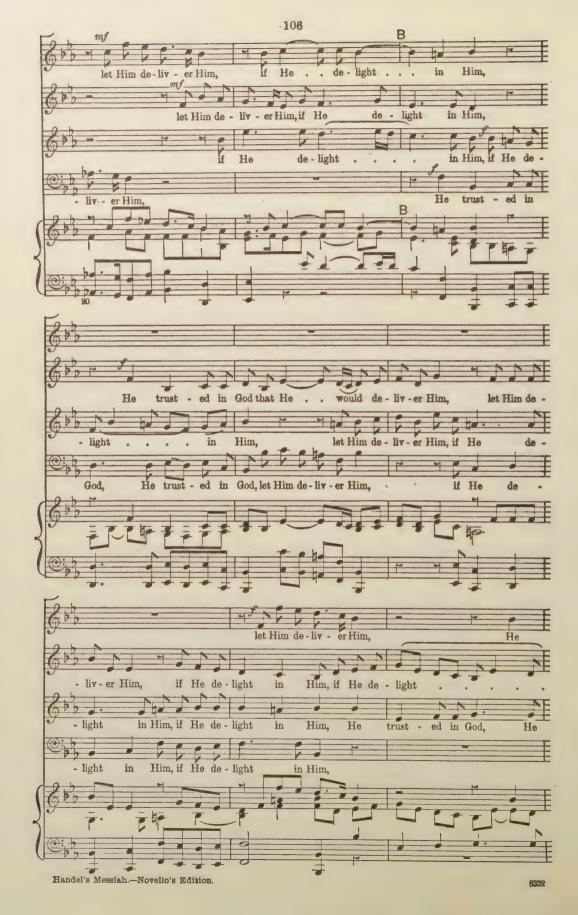










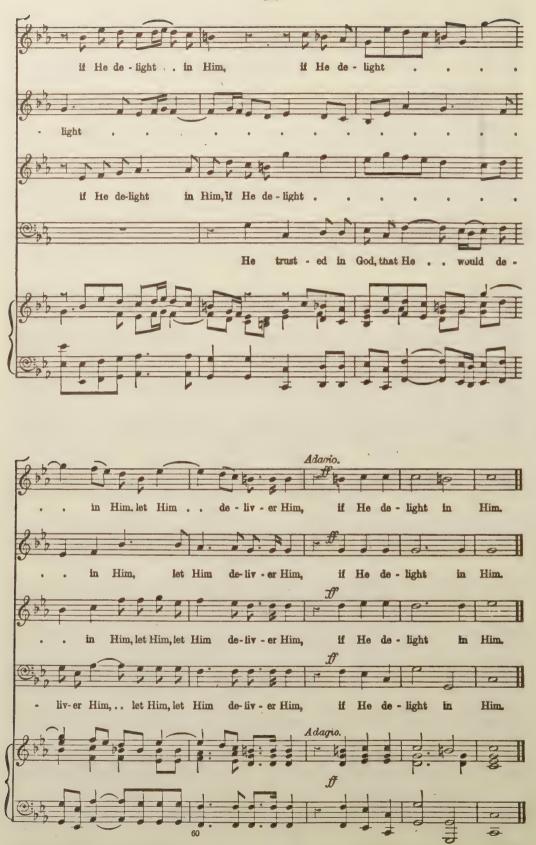












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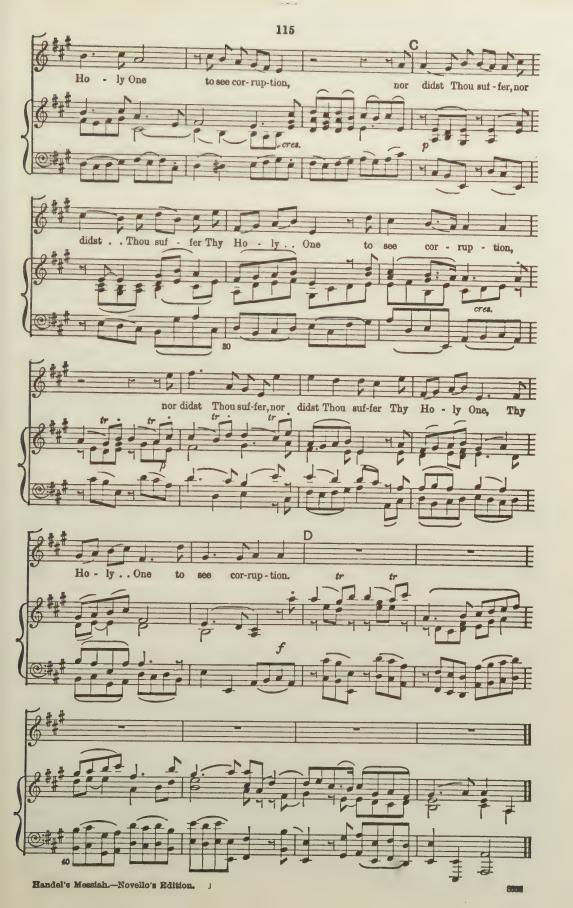
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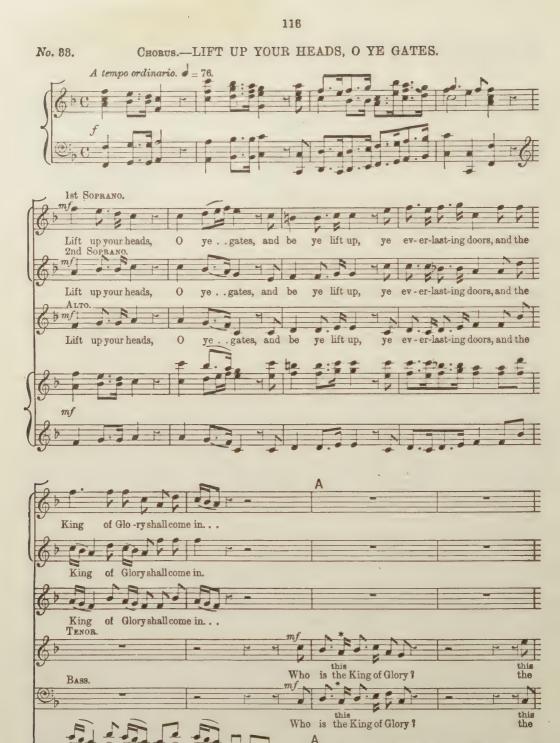


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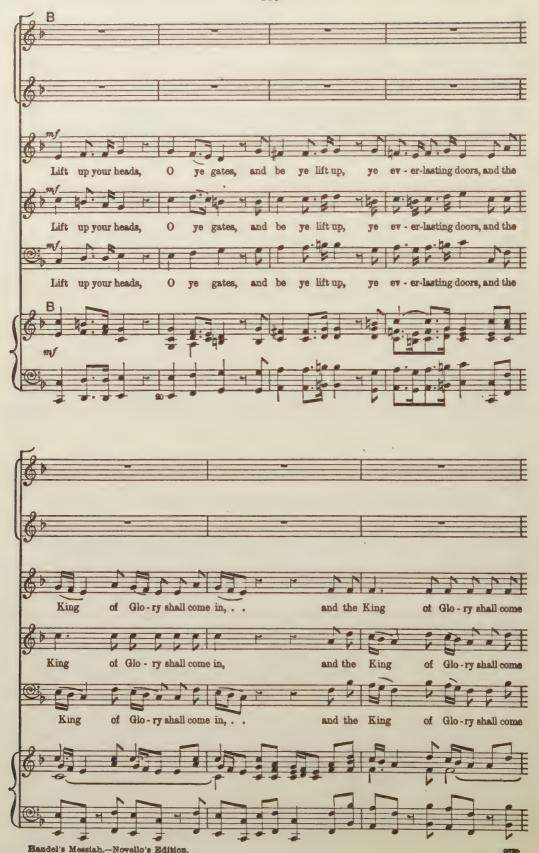








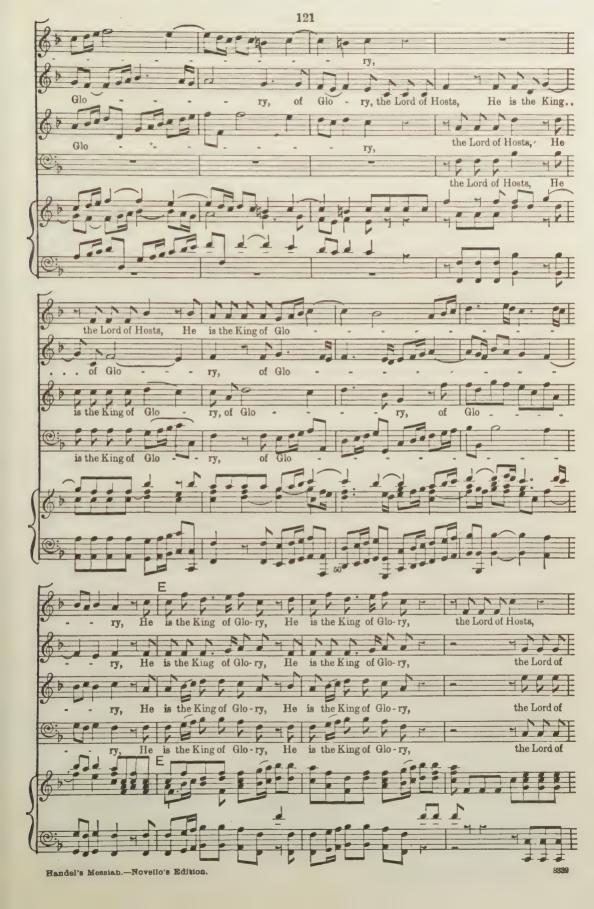






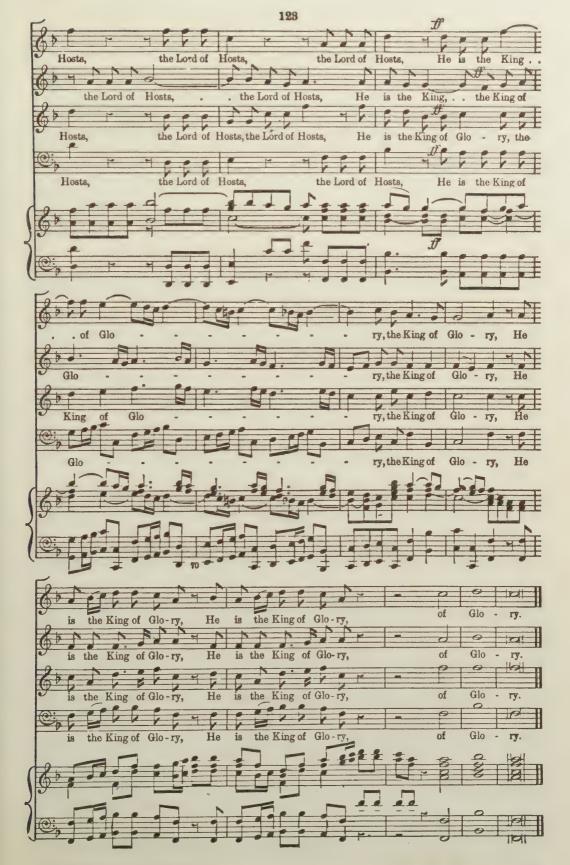


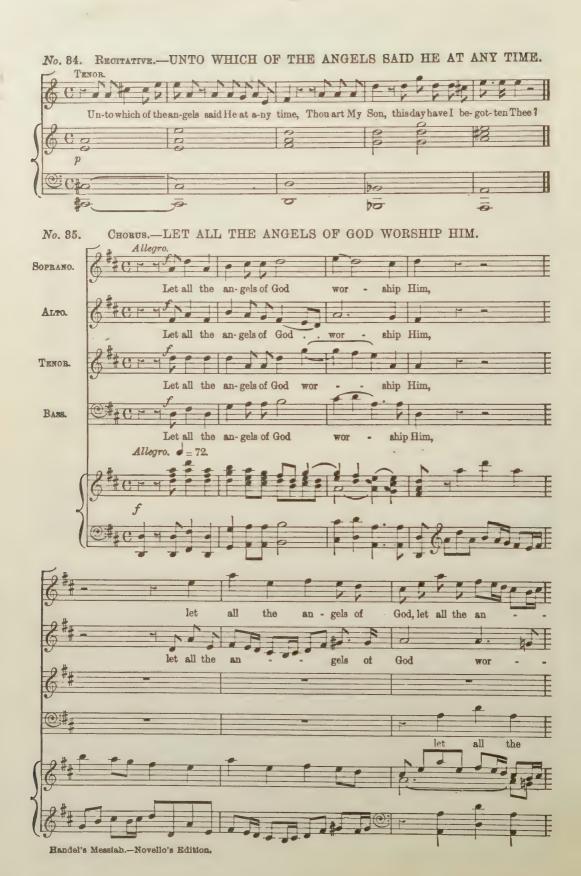




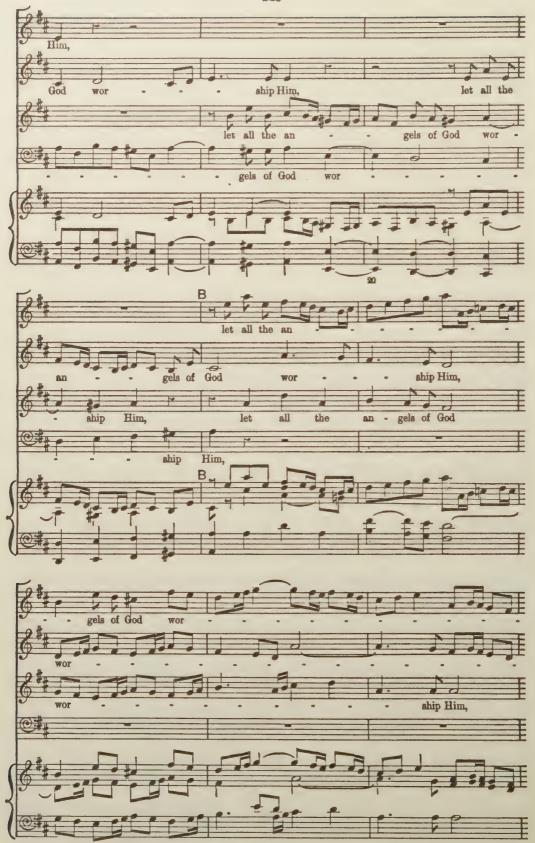


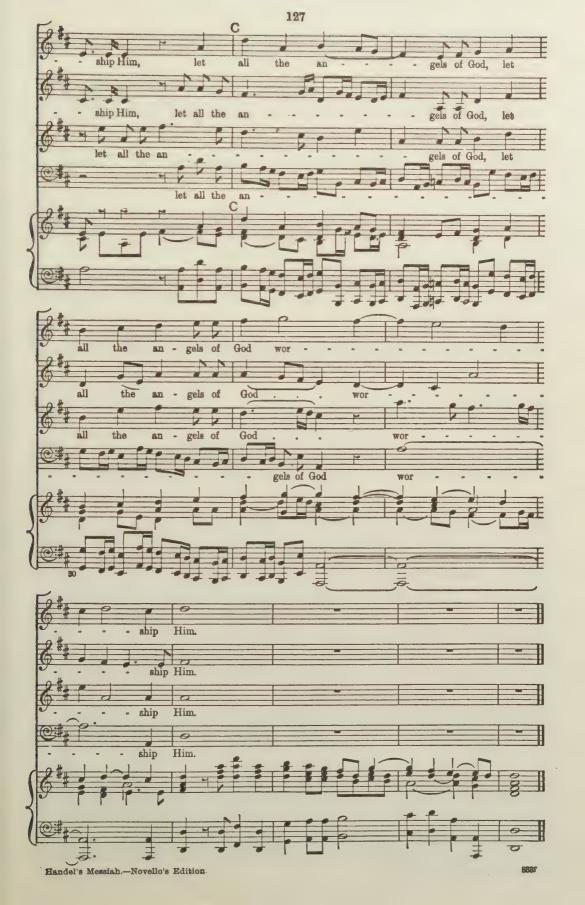








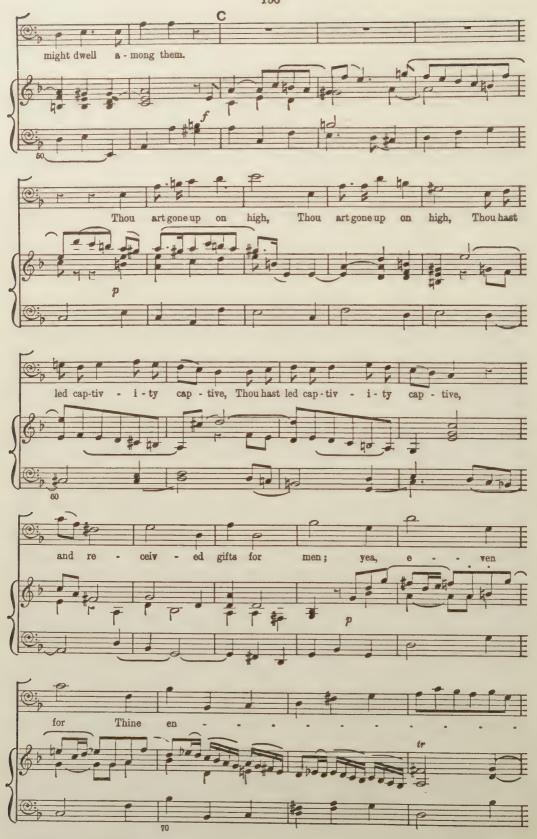










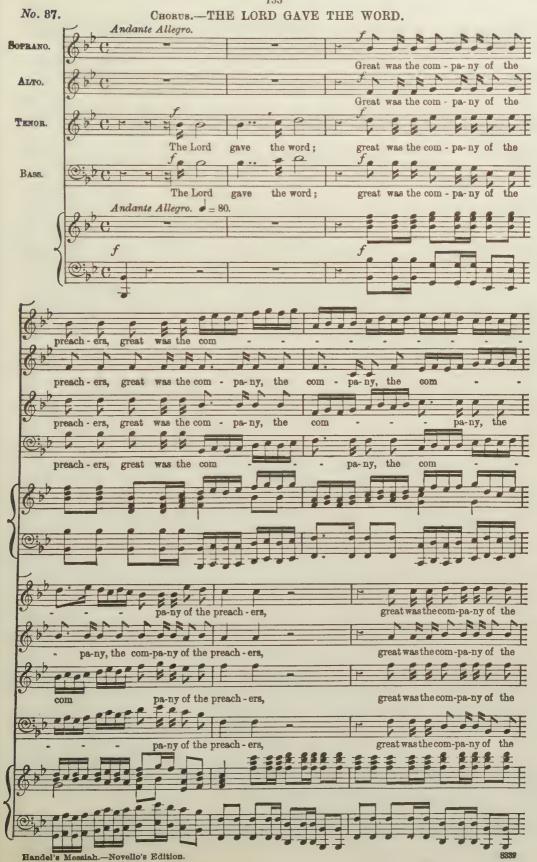




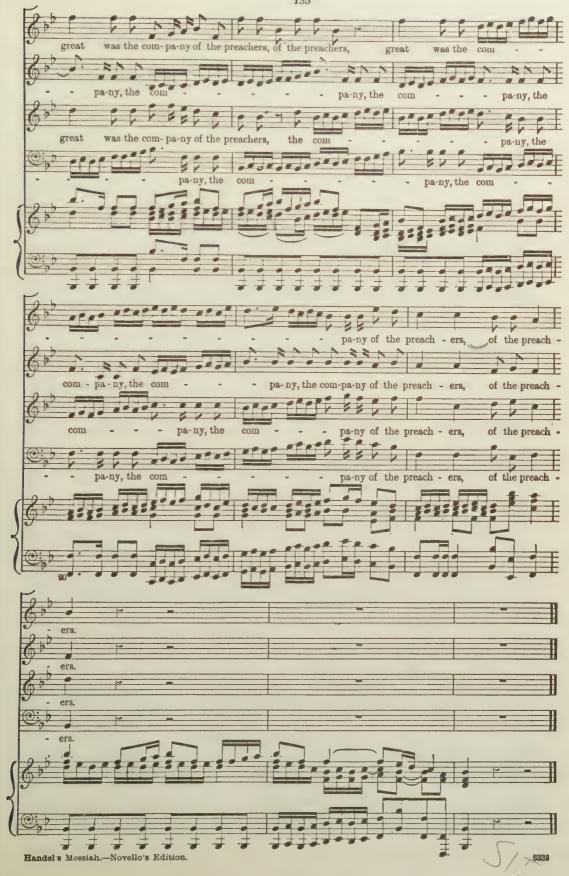


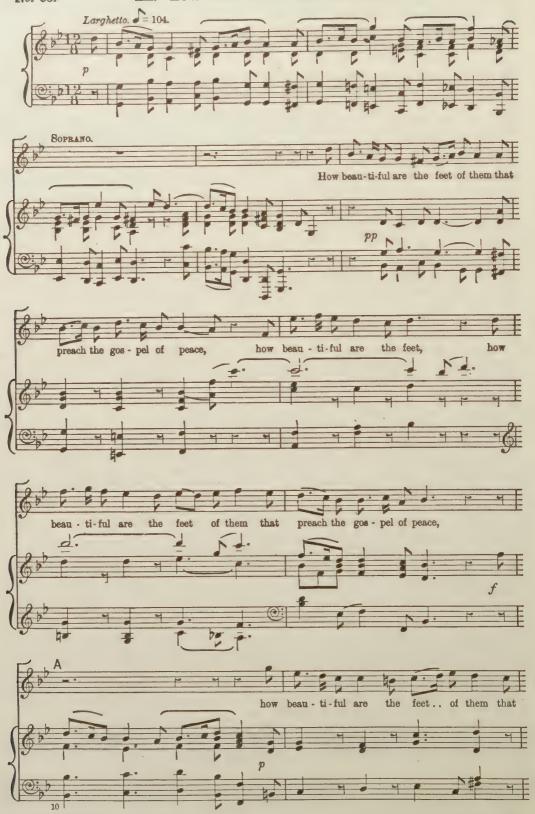


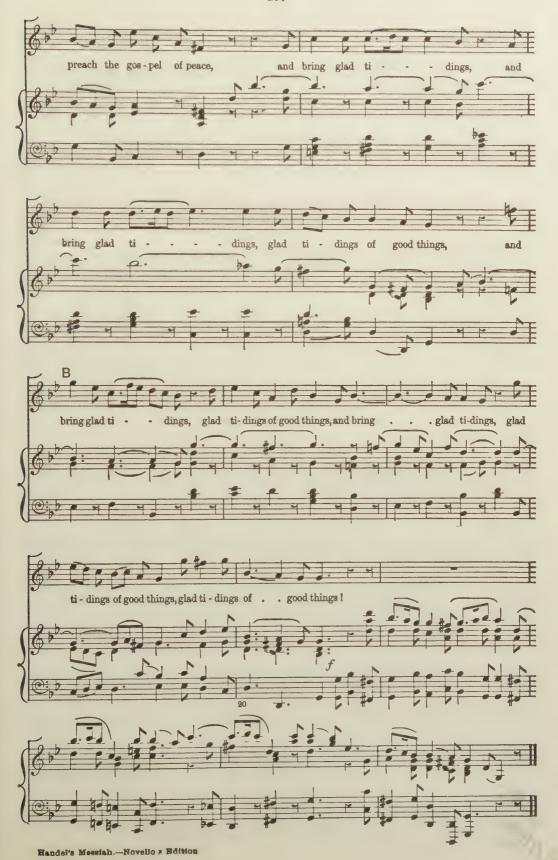
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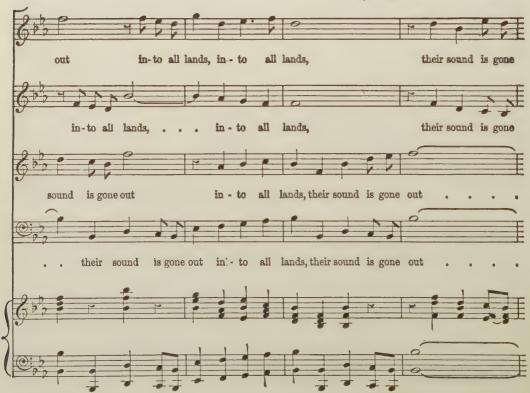




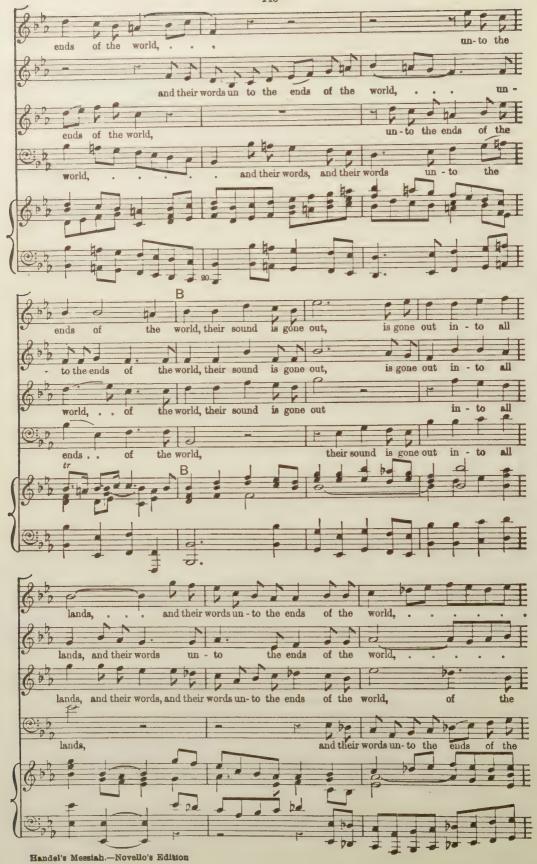


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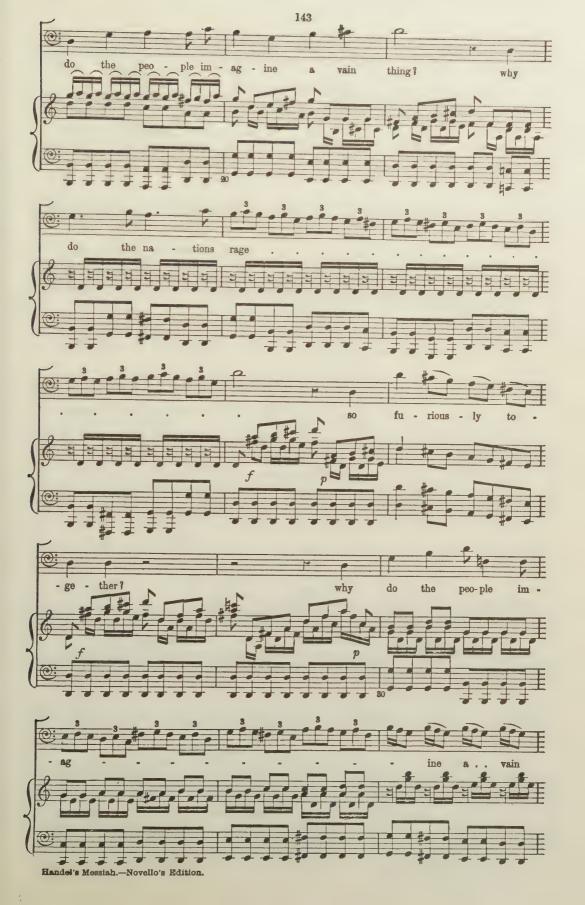












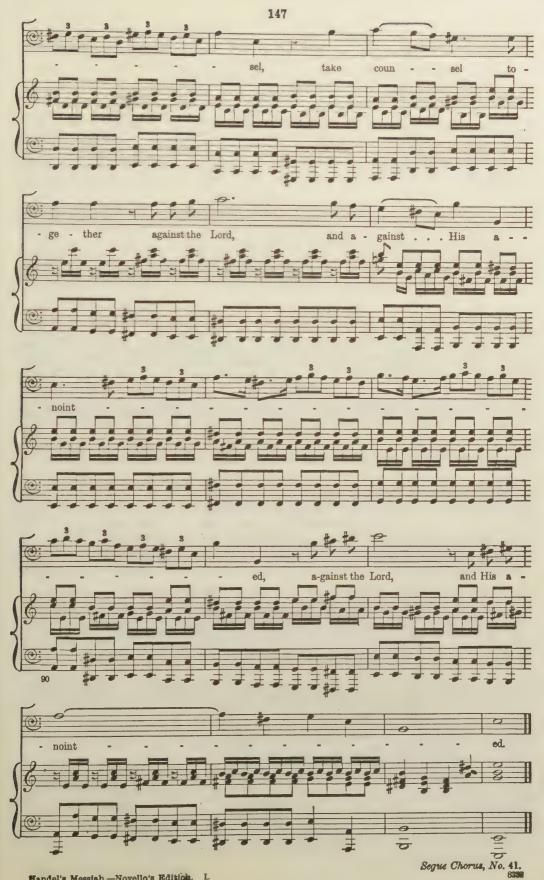


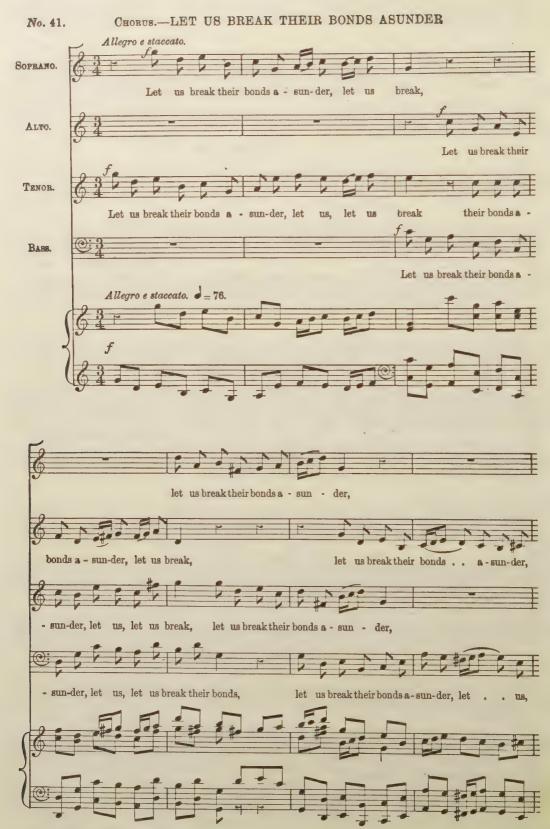










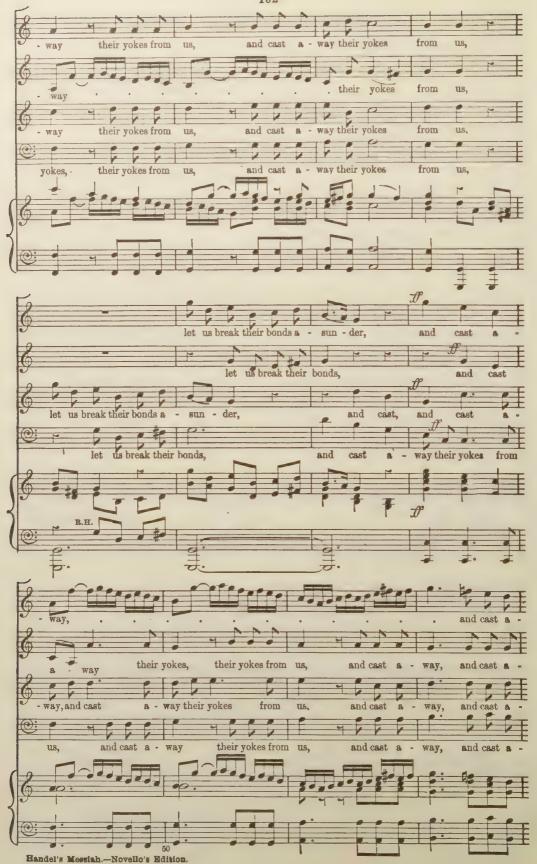


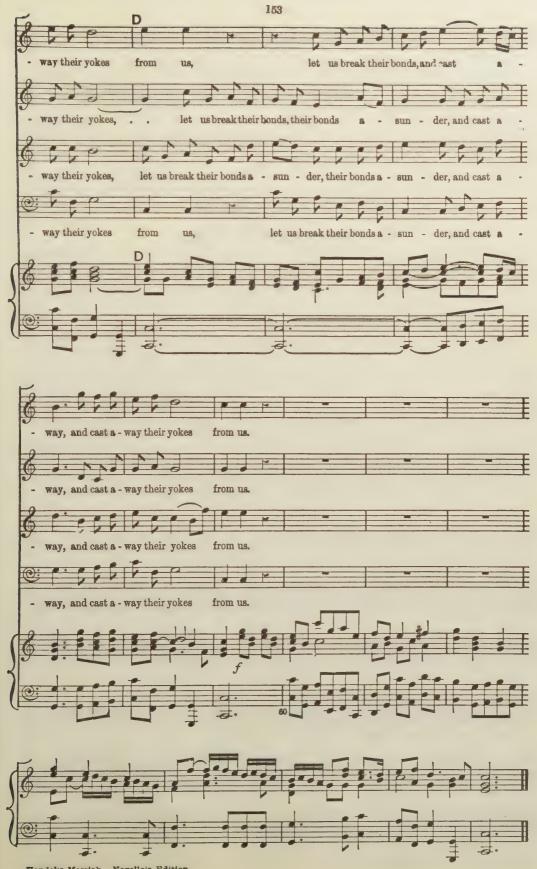
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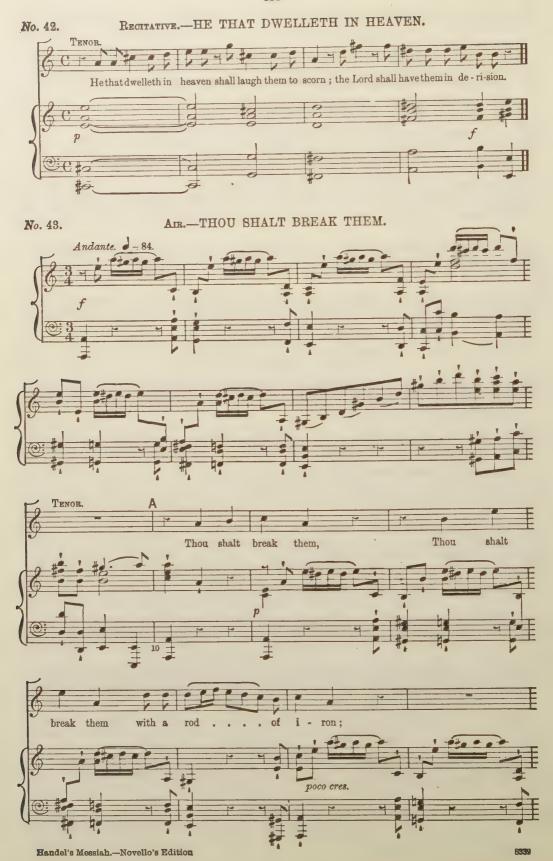






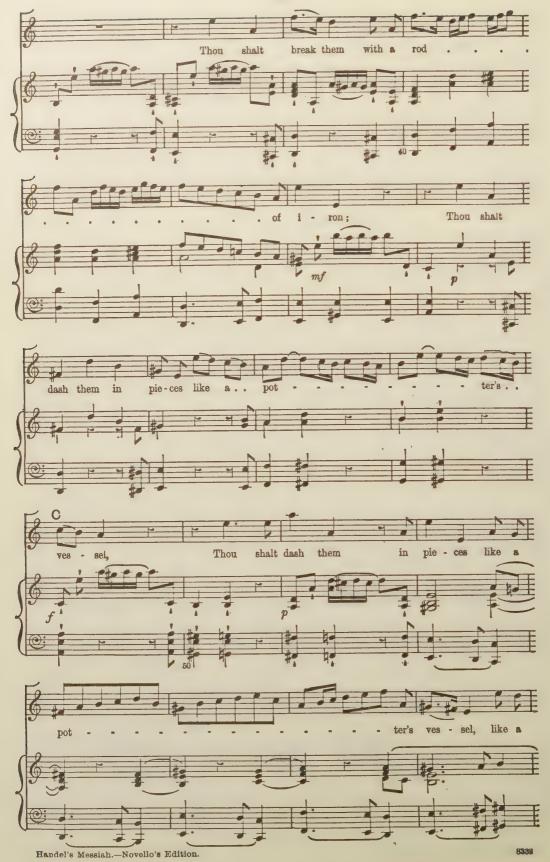


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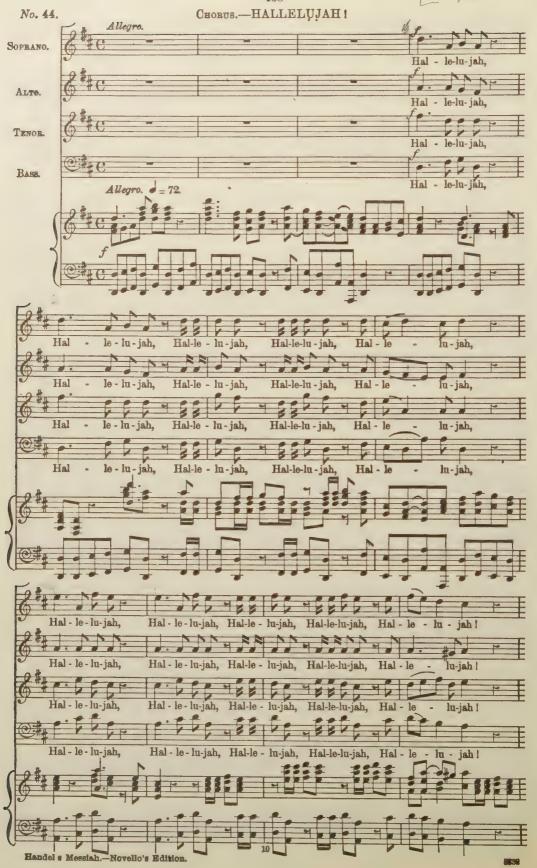


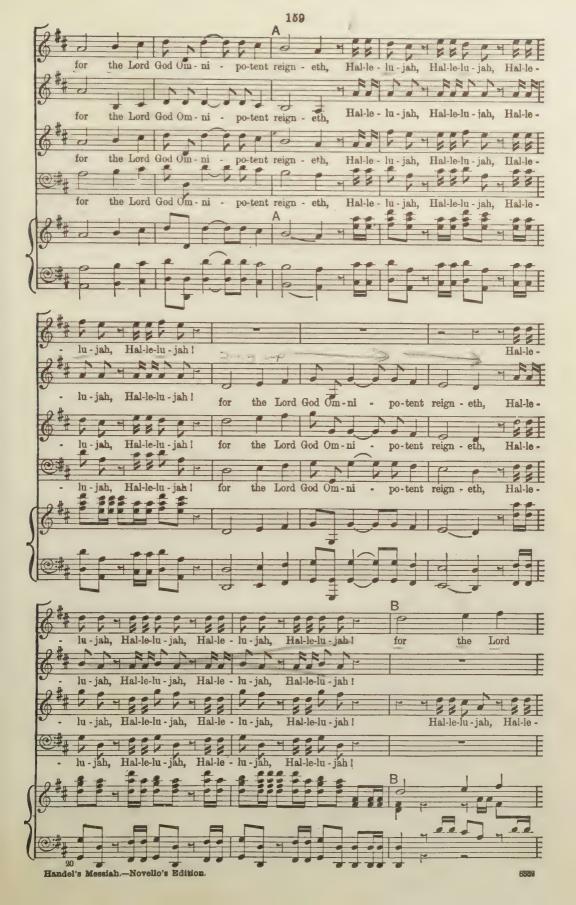


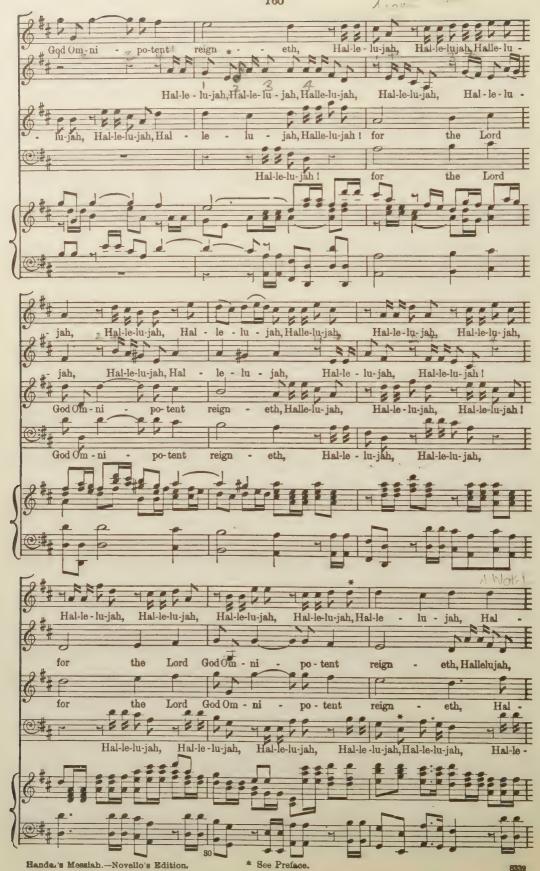


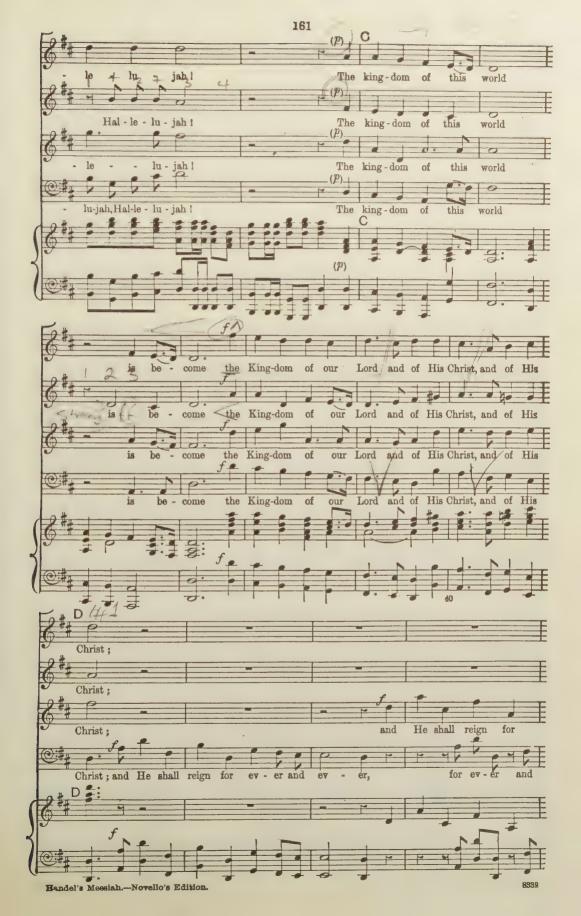






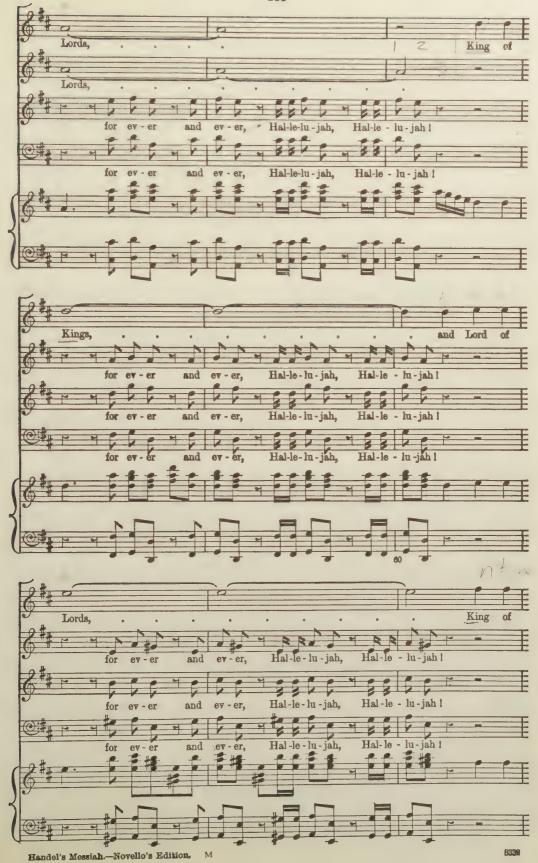


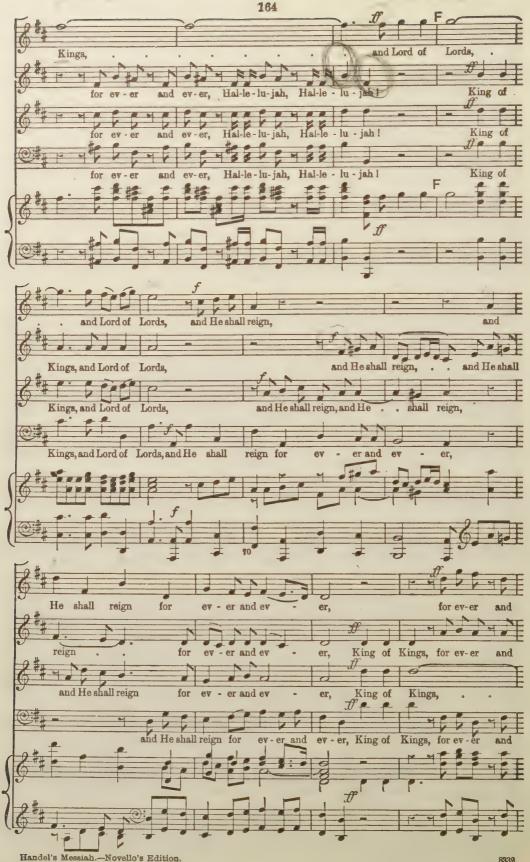


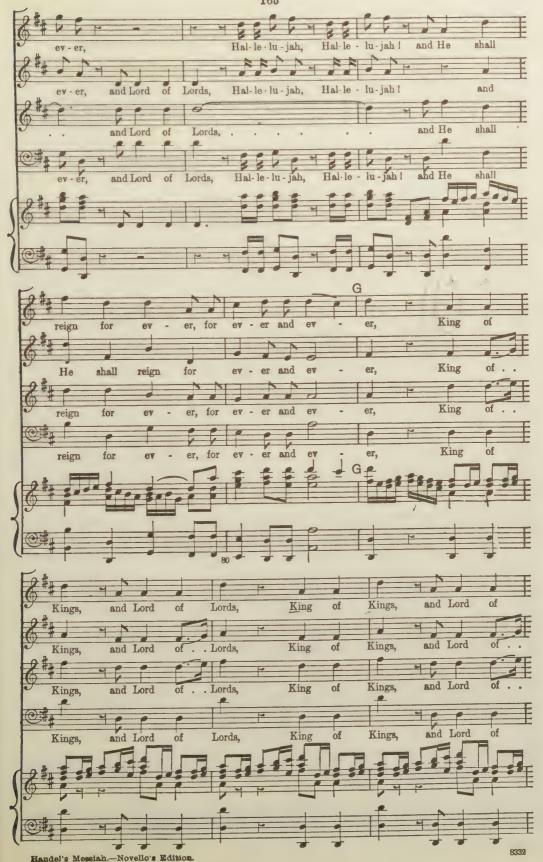








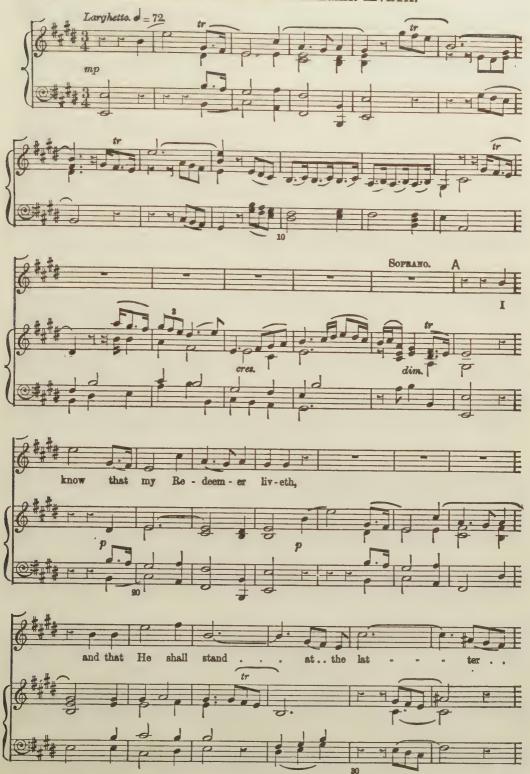


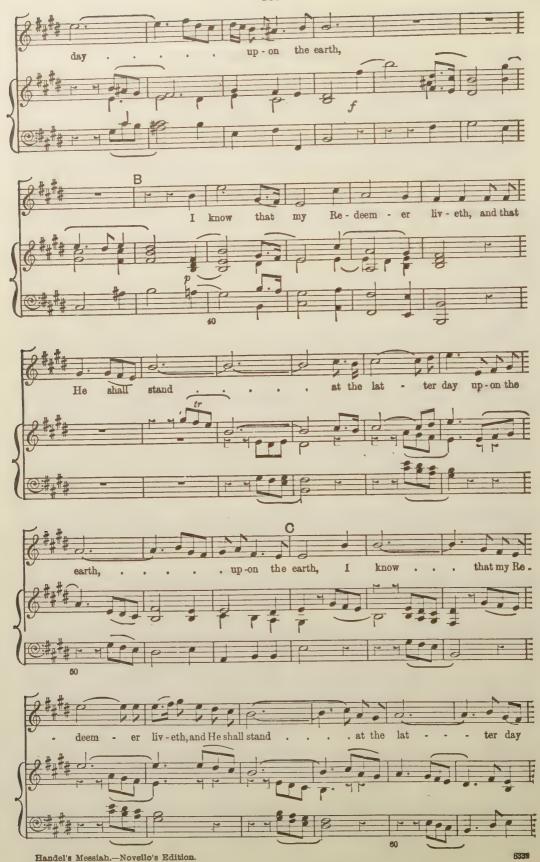




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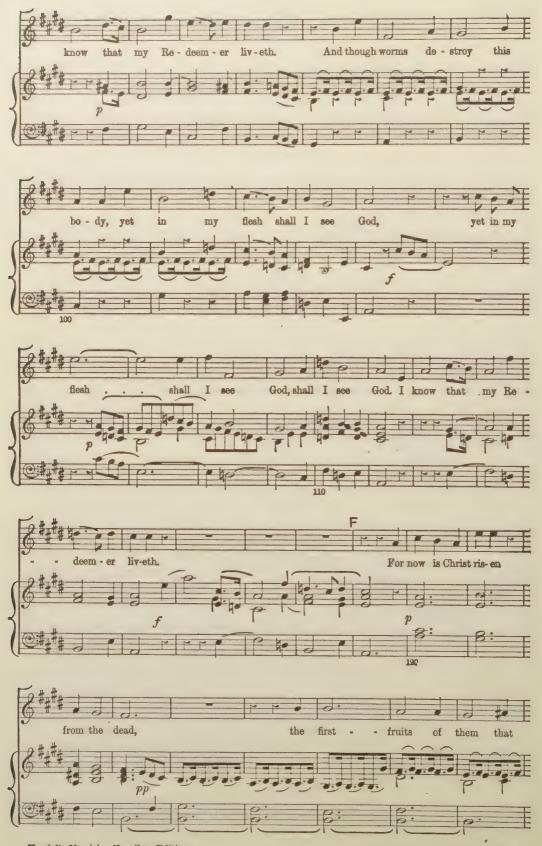
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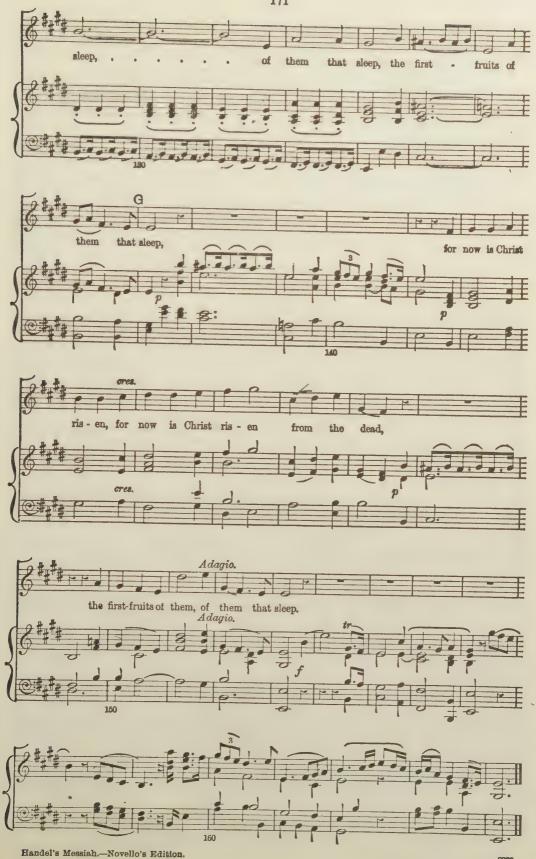


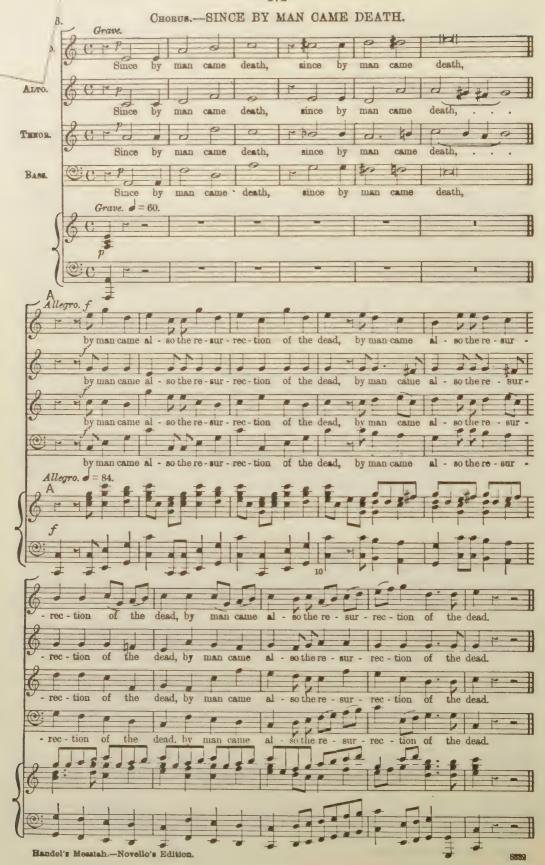








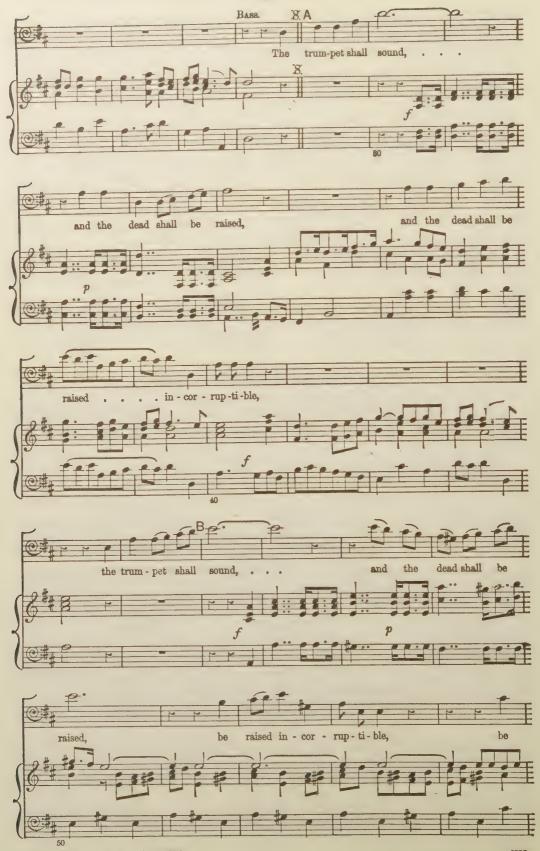




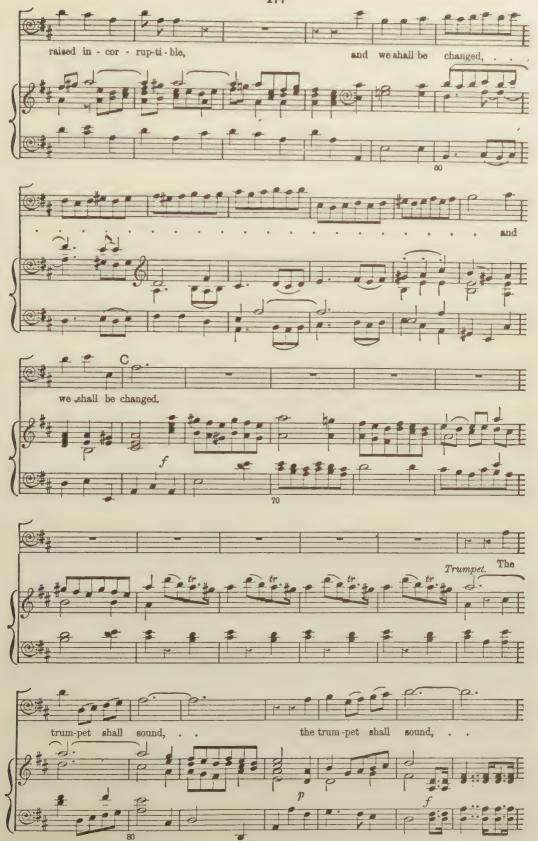








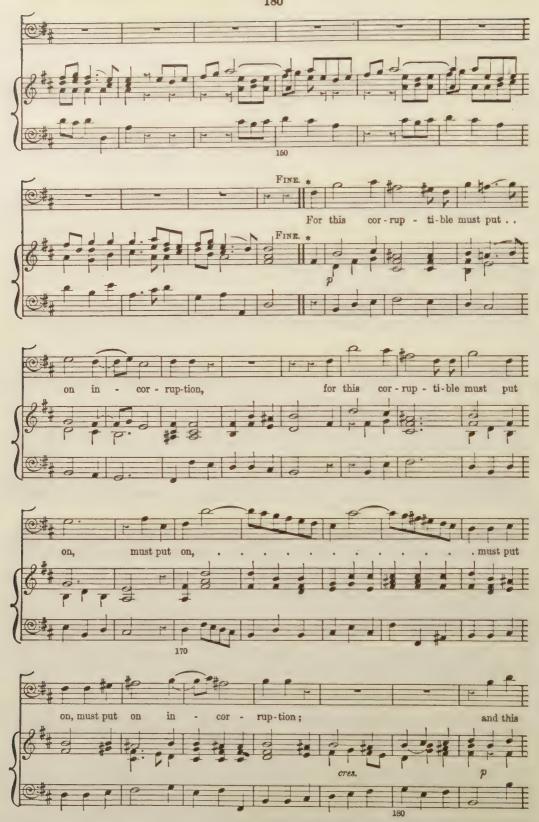




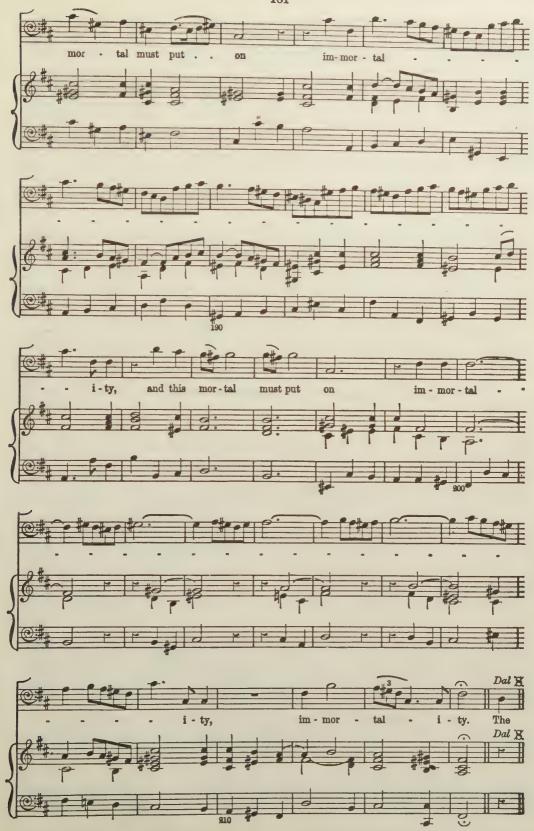






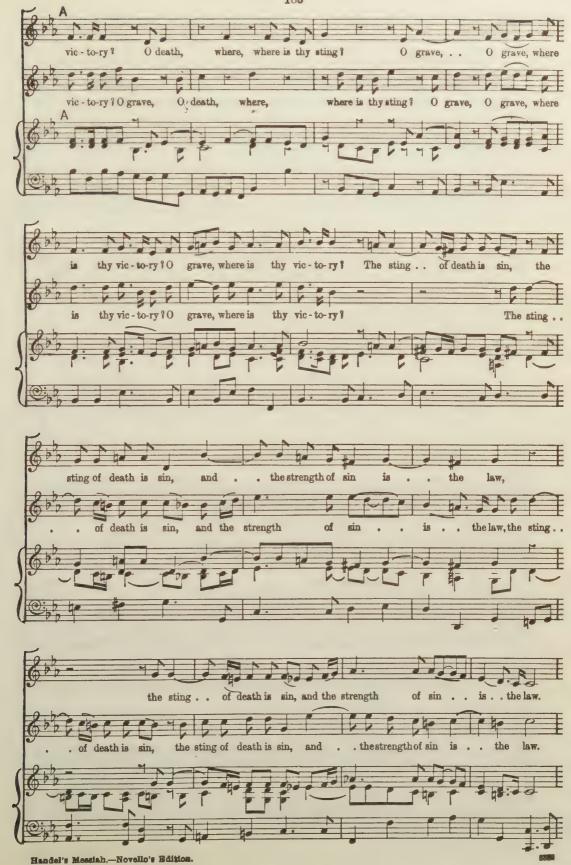


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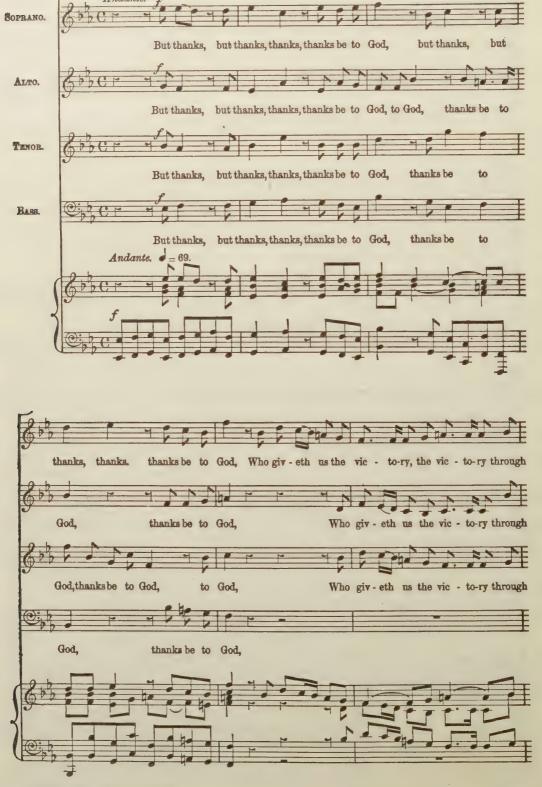


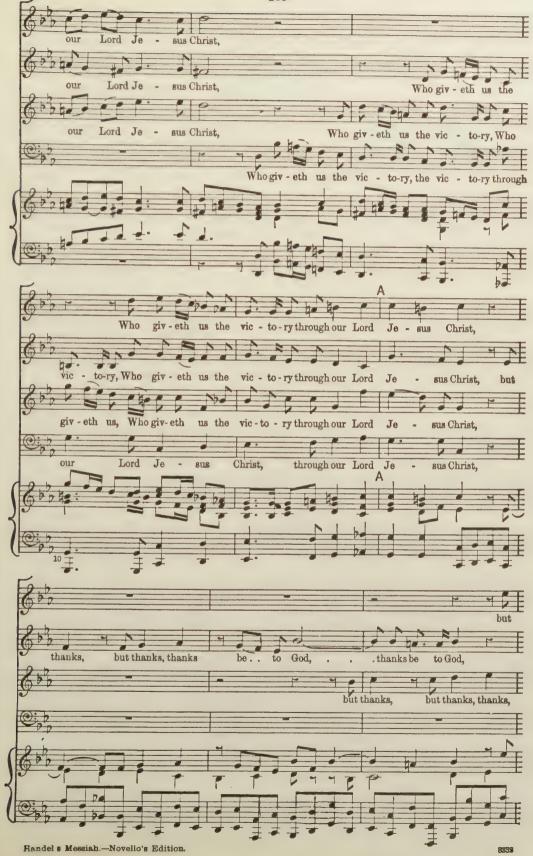
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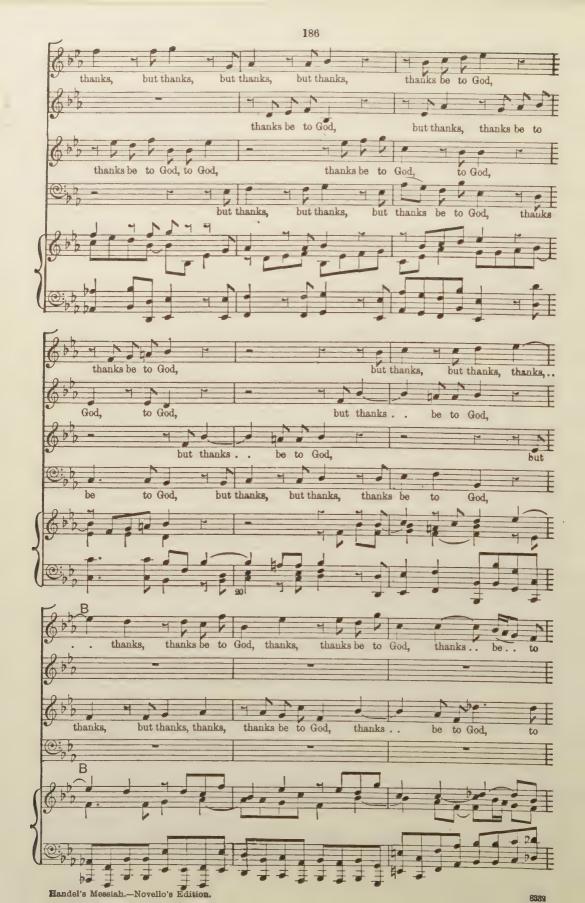


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CHORUS.—BUT THANKS BE TO GOD.

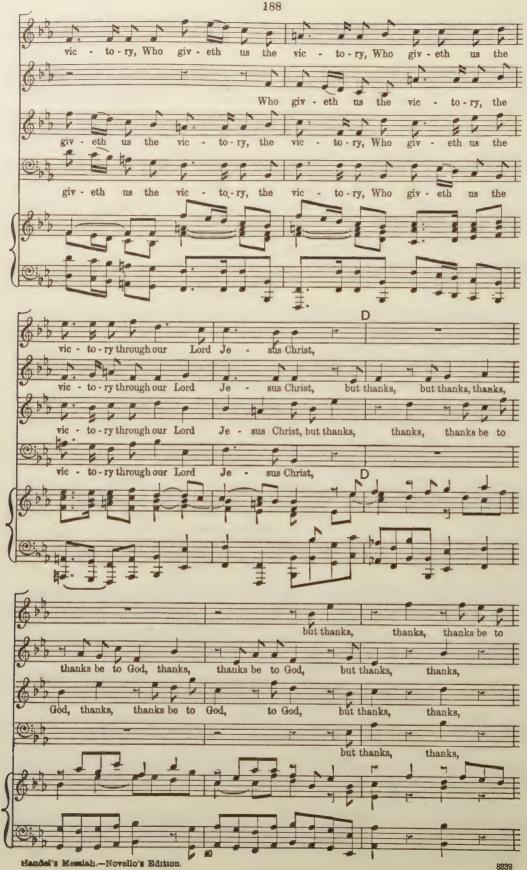






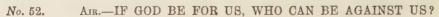


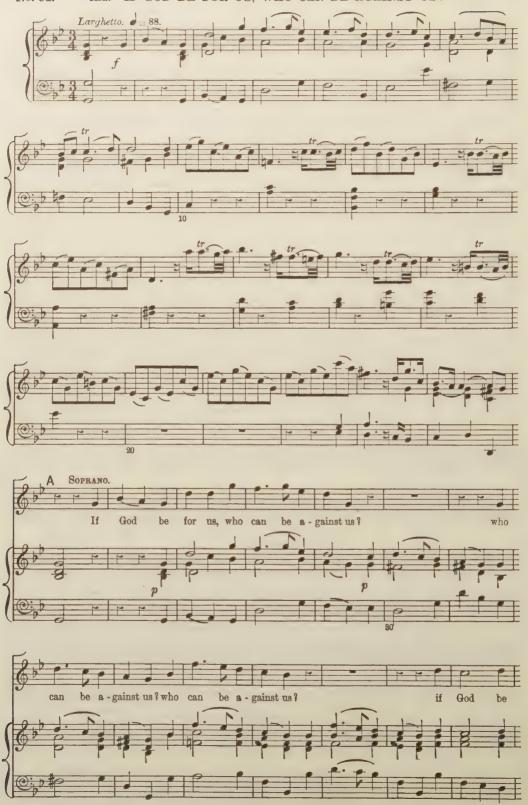






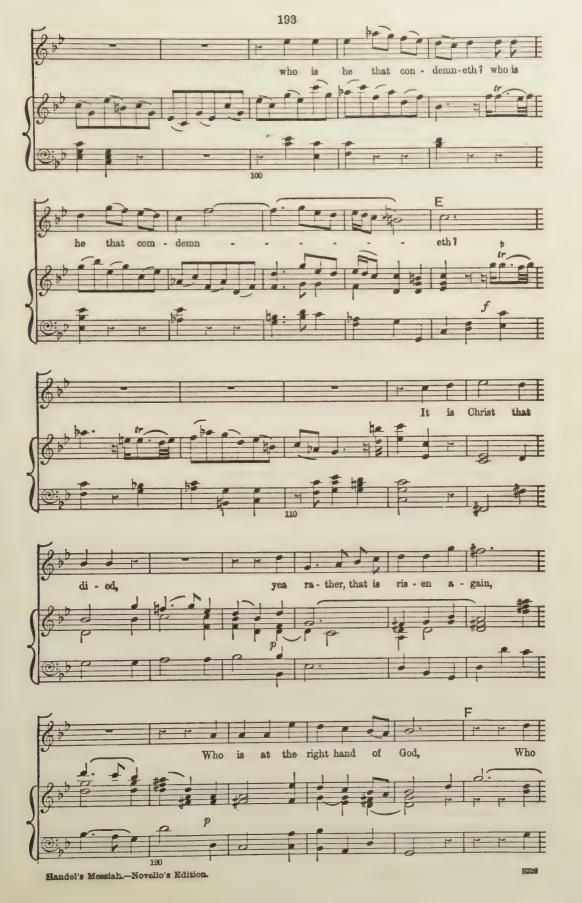






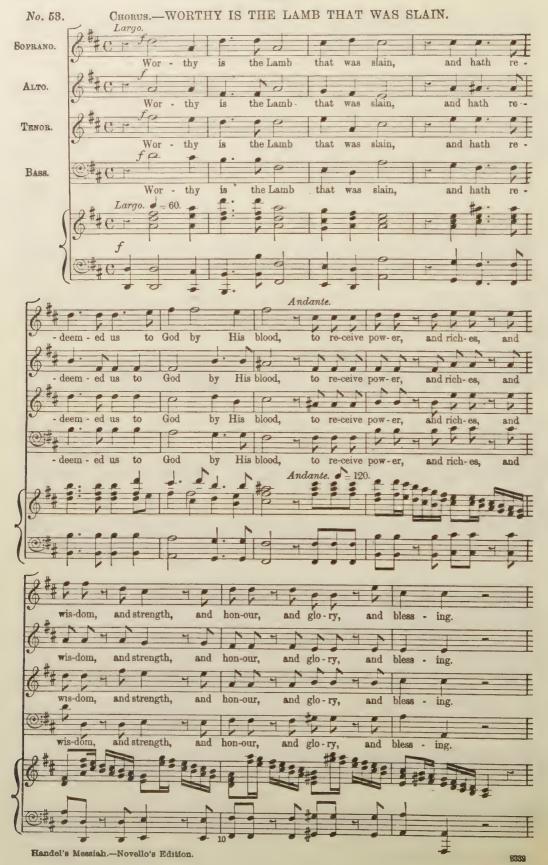












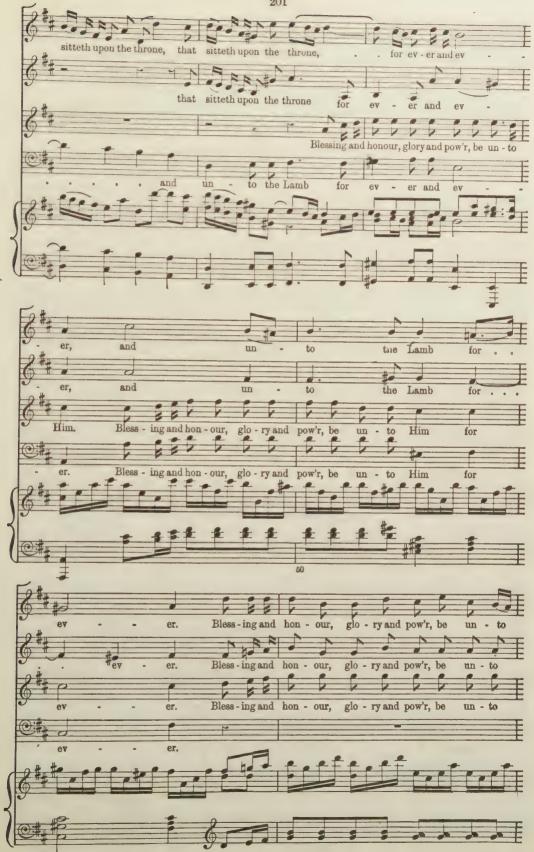






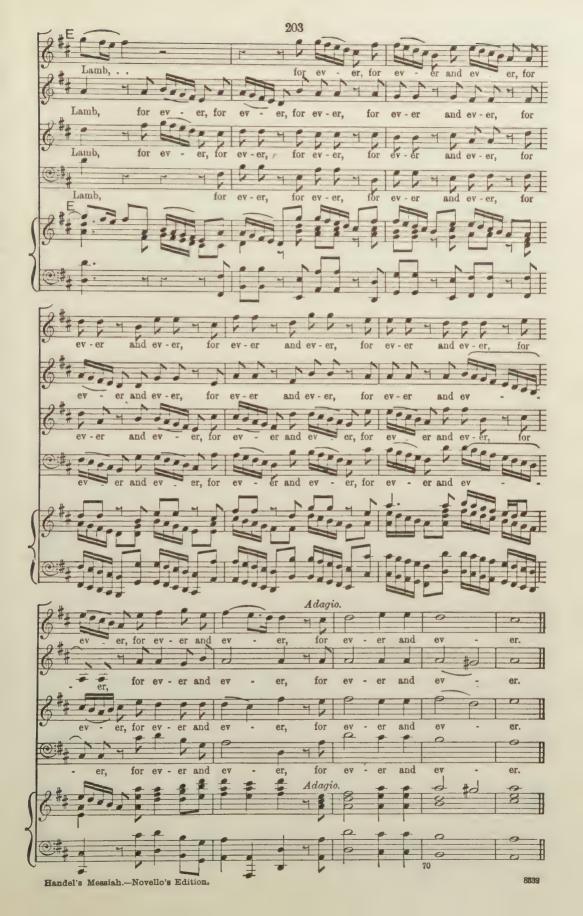








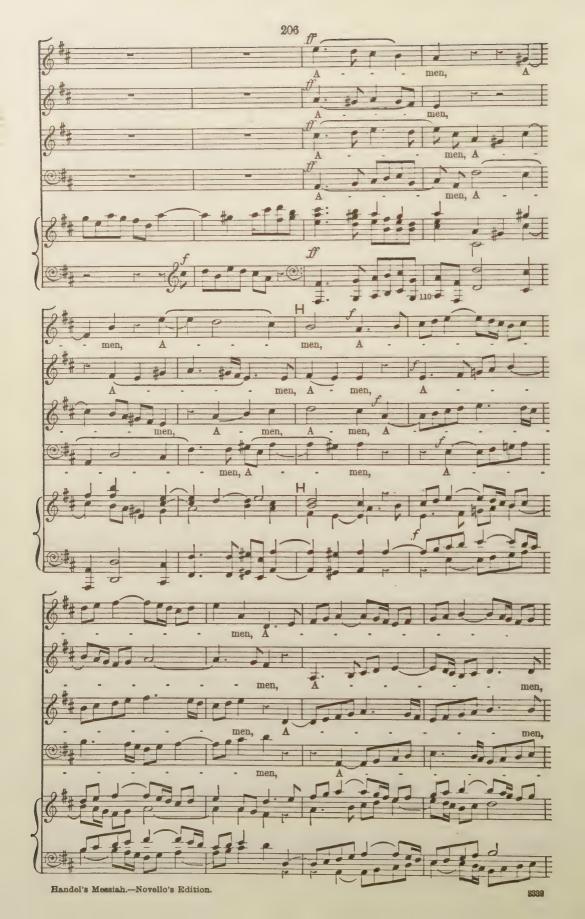


















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